

HB 2650 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Manning Jr

Senate Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 05/12/21

Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 3-1-1-0

Yeas: 3 - Beyer, Manning Jr, Patterson

Nays: 1 - Heard

Exc: 1 - Knopp

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 5/3, 5/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows emergency medical services (EMS) provider to transport a police dog injured in the line of duty for emergency treatment so long as the transportation does not delay or otherwise interfere with the emergency transportation of a human. Defines "police dog." Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- First aid response and supplies for police canines
- EMS transportation only; EMS providers do not medically treat police canines, basic stabilization services
- Protocols to allow public officers to join EMS transport of injured canines
- Training and prehospital treatment program for police canines
- Value of police canines for law enforcement

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Many law enforcement agencies use specially trained dogs to help apprehend suspects or find contraband or explosives. Police dogs are sometimes injured during these activities and require emergency transportation and treatment.

House Bill 2650 A would allow emergency medical services (EMS) providers to transport police dogs injured in the line of duty for emergency treatment so long as it does not interfere with the emergency transportation of a person.