

HB 2650 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Post

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 03/16/21

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 10-0-0-0

Yeas: 10 - Bynum, Dexter, Helm, Kropf, Lewis, Morgan, Noble, Power, Wallan, Wilde

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/11, 3/16

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 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance and costs of police dogs
- Types of treatments that injured police dogs might need
- Similar laws in other states

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

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 any human.