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Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

- Authorizes ambulance transport of an injured police dog to a veterinarian for further treatment when the police dog is injured in the line of duty and no other human person requires emergency transport at the time.
- Extends certain civil, criminal, and professional immunity to an ambulance driver transporting a police dog in the manner authorized by the bill.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Ambulance transport of police dog

The bill authorizes an ambulance driver to transport an injured police dog to a veterinarian for further treatment under certain circumstances. Specifically, the transport is authorized if the police dog is injured in the line of duty and no other human person requires emergency transport by the ambulance at the time of the transport. Current law already authorizes emergency medical responders to provide specified medical services to a dog (or cat) prior to being transferred to a veterinarian, in the course of an emergency medical or fire response or in aiding law enforcement.¹

The bill also extends the same civil, criminal, and professional immunity given under current law to the emergency medical responders providing emergency care to a dog or cat to ambulance drivers transporting a police dog. As such, an ambulance driver is not subject to a criminal or civil proceeding or professional disciplinary action allegedly arising from an act or

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee appeared in the House Journal. Note that the legislative history may be incomplete.

¹ R.C. 4765.52(B) and (C).

omission associated with the transport of a police dog, unless the act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.²

HISTORY

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² R.C. 4765.52(D) and (E).