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A bill for an act

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relating to health; requiring emergency medical services for injured police dogs;

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amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 144E.001, subdivision 3, by adding a

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subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144E.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 144E.001, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

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Subd. 3. **Ambulance service.** "Ambulance service" means transportation and treatment

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~~which~~ that is rendered or offered to be rendered preliminary to or during transportation to,

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from, or between: (1) health care facilities for ill or injured persons or expectant mothers;

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or (2) veterinary care facilities for injured police dogs. The term includes all transportation

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involving the use of a stretcher, unless the person to be transported is not likely to require

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medical treatment during the course of transport.

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EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2023.

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Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 144E.001, is amended by adding a subdivision

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to read:

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Subd. 9e. **Police dog.** "Police dog" means a dog owned by a police department or law

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enforcement agency of the state, or any political subdivision thereof, that is used by the

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department or agency for official duties.

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EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2023.

2.1 Sec. 3. **[144E.60] POLICE DOG EMERGENCY TREATMENT.**

2.2 (a) Ambulance service personnel must provide emergency treatment to a police dog
2.3 injured in the line of duty and ambulance service to a veterinary care facility equipped to
2.4 provide emergency treatment to dogs.

2.5 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), ambulance service personnel must not provide
2.6 emergency treatment or ambulance service to an injured police dog if the emergency
2.7 treatment or ambulance service would inhibit the ambulance service personnel's ability to
2.8 provide emergency treatment or ambulance service to a person requiring the ambulance
2.9 service personnel's services.

2.10 (c) This section only applies to ambulance service personnel working in primary service
2.11 areas where a police dog is utilized by a police department or law enforcement agency
2.12 within the primary service area.

2.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023.

2.14 Sec. 4. **[144E.61] LIABILITY FOR POLICE DOG EMERGENCY TREATMENT.**

2.15 Ambulance service personnel are not personally liable for:

2.16 (1) providing services under section 144E.60 if the services were provided in good faith,
2.17 within the scope of the ambulance service personnel's authority, and did not constitute
2.18 willful or reckless misconduct; or

2.19 (2) veterinary care facility expenses resulting from ambulance services provided under
2.20 section 144E.60.

2.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023.

2.22 Sec. 5. **POLICE DOG EMERGENCY TREATMENT IMPLEMENTATION.**

2.23 The Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board, in consultation with the Board of
2.24 Veterinarian Medicine and the Minnesota State Patrol K-9 unit, must develop policies and
2.25 procedures to implement Minnesota Statutes, section 144E.60, including but not limited to:

2.26 (1) appropriate training of ambulance service personnel to provide police dogs basic life
2.27 support, including administering naloxone;

2.28 (2) safe handling procedures for injured police dogs, including using a box muzzle and
2.29 response coordination with a law enforcement official trained in handling police dogs;

3.1 (3) identification of veterinary facilities that provide emergency treatment for injured
3.2 dogs;

3.3 (4) decontamination of stretchers, the patient compartment, and any contaminated medical
3.4 equipment after a police dog has been provided ambulance services; and

3.5 (5) sterilization of the interior of an ambulance before being returned to human service,
3.6 including but not limited to sanitizing all allergens and disinfection to a standard safe for
3.7 human transport.

3.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.