

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2021 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

SB 388 — Injured Police Canines

by Senators Wright, Book, Garcia, and Taddeo

The bill authorizes an emergency service transport vehicle permit holder to transport a police canine injured in the line of duty to a veterinary clinic or similar facility if no person requires medical attention or transport at that time. The bill authorizes emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics to provide emergency medical care to an injured police canine at the scene of an emergency or while the canine is being transported.

The bill authorizes EMTs and paramedics to provide emergency care to a police canine injured in the line of duty, exempts EMTs and paramedics from the application of the veterinary practice act for the provision of such care, and provides civil and criminal immunity to EMTs and paramedics for such care that is provided in good faith.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2021.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 114-0