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HOUSE BILL DRH10318-NB-70

Short Title:	Emer. Care/Animals/Vet. Practice. (Public)
Sponsors:	Representative Sasser.
Referred to:	

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION TO THE PRACTICE OF VETERINARY
3   MEDICINE FOR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL WHO RENDER EMERGENCY
4   MEDICAL SERVICES TO AN INJURED K-9 POLICE ANIMAL AT THE SCENE OF AN
5   EMERGENCY.
6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
7   **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 90-187.10 reads as rewritten:
8 "**§ 90-187.10. Necessity for license; certain practices exempted.**
9   No individual shall engage in the practice of veterinary medicine without having a veterinary
10 license from the Board. No person, as defined in G.S. 90-181(5), may own a veterinary facility
11 without having a veterinary facility permit from the Board.
12   Nothing in this Article shall be construed to prohibit:
13   …
14   (12)   Any emergency medical services personnel, as defined in G.S. 131E-155, who
15   may provide emergency medical transport or emergency medical services to
16   an injured K-9 police unit animal at the scene of an emergency."
17   **SECTION 1.(b)** Article 7 of Chapter 131E of the General Statutes is amended by
18 adding a new section to read:
19 "**§ 131E-155.2. Emergency medical treatment for K-9 unit; limited immunity.**
20   Notwithstanding any other provision of law, emergency medical services personnel shall not
21 be prosecuted for providing emergency medical transport or emergency medical services to an
22 injured K-9 police unit animal if the emergency medical services personnel acted in good faith
23 when providing emergency medical transport or emergency medical services to an injured K-9
24 police unit animal at the scene of an emergency. The immunity established by this section does
25 not extend to gross negligence, wanton conduct, or intentional wrongdoing that would otherwise
26 be actionable."
27   **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2021, and applies to acts on or
28 after that date.

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