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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY TREATMENT AND TRANSPORTATION TO AN ANIMAL THAT IS INJURED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS DUTIES UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A PEACE OFFICER.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study the provision of emergency treatment and transportation to an
3 animal that is injured in the performance of its duties under the
4 supervision of a peace officer, as defined in section 53a-3 of the general
5 statutes. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, an
6 examination of:

7 (1) The circumstances under which the emergency treatment and
8 transportation of such an animal is appropriate;

9 (2) The training that should be required of emergency medical
10 services personnel, as defined in section 19a-175 of the general statutes,
11 in the provision of such services, including, but not limited to, first aid,
12 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, life-saving interventions and safe
13 handling of such animals;

14 (3) The identification of veterinary facilities that could be used to
15 provide emergency treatment to such animals;

16 (4) Decontamination and sterilization requirements for equipment
17 and vehicles used to treat and transport such animals; and

18 (5) Any issues related to the scope of practice of emergency medical
19 services personnel.

20 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

21 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
22 who has experience as a provider of emergency medical services;

23 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who is
24 a police officer;

25 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
26 Representatives;

27 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

28 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
29 Representatives, who has experience as a provider of emergency
30 medical services;

31 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who is a
32 sworn member of the Division of State Police within the Department of
33 Emergency Services and Public Protection;

34 (7) One appointed by the House chairperson of the joint standing
35 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
36 relating to public safety and security;

37 (8) One appointed by the Senate chairperson of the joint standing
38 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
39 relating to public safety and security;

40 (9) One appointed by the House ranking member of the joint standing
41 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
42 relating to public safety and security;

43 (10) One appointed by the Senate ranking member of the joint
44 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
45 matters relating to public safety and security;

46 (11) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,
47 or the commissioner's designee; and

48 (12) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
49 designee.

50 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
51 (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9) or (10) of subsection (b) of this section may
52 be a member of the General Assembly.

53 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
54 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
55 be filled by the appointing authority.

56 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
57 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
58 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
59 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
60 days after the effective date of this section.

61 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
62 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety
63 and security shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

64 (g) Not later than January 1, 2026, the task force shall submit a report
65 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
66 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
67 safety and security, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
68 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it

69 submits such report or January 1, 2026, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To establish a task force to study the provision of emergency treatment and transportation to an animal that is injured in the performance of its duties under the supervision of a peace officer.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]