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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, MAY 12, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 28, 1935 (P.L.477, No.193), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act providing for the payment of the salary,
3 medical and hospital expenses of members of the State Police
4 Force, of the enforcement officers and investigators employed
5 by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, and the parole
6 agents, enforcement officers and investigators of the
7 Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, Capitol Police
8 officers, correction employes employed by the Department of
9 Corrections whose principal duty is the care, custody and
10 control of inmates, psychiatric security aides employed by
11 the Department of Public Welfare and the Department of
12 Corrections whose principal duty is the care, custody, and
13 control of the criminally insane, drug enforcement agents of
14 the Office of Attorney General whose principal duty is the
15 enforcement of the drug laws of the Commonwealth, special
16 agents of the Office of Attorney General whose principal duty
17 is the enforcement of the criminal laws of the Commonwealth,
18 members of the Delaware River Port Authority Police and of
19 policemen, firemen and park guards by the Commonwealth of
20 Pennsylvania, the Delaware River Port Authority, counties,
21 cities, boroughs, towns and townships, and sheriffs and
22 deputy sheriffs who are injured or contract certain diseases
23 in the performance of their duty; and providing that absence
24 during such injury shall not reduce any usual sick leave
25 period," providing for the care of police animals injured in
26 the line of duty.

27 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

28 hereby enacts as follows:

1 Section 1. The act of June 28, 1935 (P.L.477, No.193),
2 referred to as the Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law,
3 is amended by adding a section to read:

4 Section 2.1. (a) A police animal shall be provided
5 veterinary and medical care for any injury suffered in the
6 performance of its duties. Veterinary and medical care includes,
7 but is not limited to, ambulatory care, including an air
8 ambulance, on-going care and medical devices. In no event shall
9 the use of an air ambulance for a police animal take precedence
10 over a human similarly situated at the time the air ambulance is
11 needed, unless the air ambulance is already engaged in transport
12 of the police animal.

13 (b) The term "police animal" shall have the same meaning as
14 provided in 18 Pa.C.S. § 5511.2 (relating to police animals).

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 30 days.