
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY BOSCOLA, WARD, COSTA, BROWNE, TARTAGLIONE,
BARTOLOTTA, FOLMER, KILLION, RAFFERTY, RESCHENTHALER, VOGEL
AND VULAKOVICH, MAY 16, 2018

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, MAY 16, 2018

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in particular rights and
3 immunities, further providing for emergency response provider
4 and bystander good Samaritan civil immunity.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 8332(d) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by
9 adding subsections to read:

10 § 8332. Emergency response provider and bystander good
11 Samaritan civil immunity.

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13 (a.1) Police animals.--An emergency response provider, who
14 has completed training as required under subsection (b.1), and
15 who in good faith renders emergency care, treatment, first aid
16 or rescue to a police animal at the scene of an emergency event
17 or crime shall not be liable for any civil damages as a result
18 of rendering such care, except in any act or omission

1 intentionally designed to harm or any grossly negligent acts or
2 omissions which result in harm to the police animal receiving
3 emergency care.

4 (b.1) Training.--For purposes of subsection (a.1), an
5 emergency response provider who renders emergency care to a
6 police animal shall have completed training in emergency
7 veterinary care consistent with standards identified and
8 approved by an entity which provides continuing education for
9 veterinary care in this Commonwealth.

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11 (d) [Definition.--For the purposes of this section, the term
12 "emergency response provider" includes] Definitions.--As used in
13 this section, the following words and phrases shall have the
14 meanings given to them in this subsection unless the context
15 clearly indicates otherwise:

16 "Emergency response provider." Federal, State and local
17 emergency public safety, law enforcement, emergency response,
18 emergency medical services personnel, response teams, agencies
19 and authorities, excluding hospital emergency facilities and
20 related personnel.

21 "Police animal." As defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 5531 (relating
22 to definitions).

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.