

# Legislative Analysis



## EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT AND TREATMENT FOR RETIRED POLICE DOGS

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**House Bill 4012 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Mike Hoadley**  
**Committee: Government Operations**  
**Complete to 4-29-25**

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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 4012 would amend a provision of the Public Health Code that allows an ambulance to provide emergency medical transport of a police dog injured in the line of duty to a veterinary clinic for emergency medical treatment, as long as there are no humans needing transport or emergency assistance at the time, to similarly allow transport of a *retired police dog* that needs emergency care.

*Retired police dog* would mean a dog trained for law enforcement work that was used by a Michigan state or local law enforcement agency until it ceased to work due to age or disease.

Under both current law and the bill, ambulance personnel may require that a police officer accompany the dog during the emergency transport.

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### FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4012 would not have a significant fiscal impact on state expenditures to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) or local units of government that may operate ambulance services. There may be costs associated with the use of an ambulance for this service, which could be borne by either the ambulance provider or the insurance held by the retired police dog. Active duty police dogs were made eligible for emergency ambulance services under 2018 PA 600.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Bills/Bill?ObjectName=2018-SB-1234>