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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3588

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3588 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Care
5 for Retired Police Dogs Program Act.

6 Section 5. General Assembly findings. The General Assembly
7 finds that:

8 (1) Police dogs are an integral part of many law
9 enforcement and correctional efforts statewide, including
10 the apprehension of suspects through tracking and
11 searching, evidence location, drug and bomb detection, and
12 search and rescue operations.

13 (2) Law enforcement and correctional agencies agree
14 that the use of police dogs is an extremely cost-effective
15 means of crime control and that police dogs possess skills
16 and abilities that frequently exceed those of existing

1 technology.

2 (3) The service of police dogs is often dangerous and
3 can expose them to injury at a rate higher than that of
4 non-service dogs.

5 (4) Police dogs provide significant contributions to
6 the residents of this State.

7 Section 10. Definitions. In this Act:

8 "Correctional agency" means a lawfully established State
9 or local public agency having primary responsibility for the
10 supervision, protection, care, custody, control, or
11 investigation of inmates at a correctional institution.

12 "Law enforcement agency" means a lawfully established
13 State or local public agency having primary responsibility for
14 the prevention and detection of crime or the enforcement of
15 penal, traffic, highway, regulatory, game, immigration,
16 postal, customs, or controlled substance laws.

17 "Retired police dog" means a dog that was previously in
18 the service of or employed by a law enforcement agency or a
19 correctional agency in this State for the principal purpose of
20 aiding in the detection of criminal activity, enforcement of
21 laws, or apprehension of offenders and that received
22 certification in obedience and apprehension work from a
23 certifying organization, such as the National Police Canine
24 Association, Inc., or other certifying organization.

25 "Veterinarian" has the same meaning as in Section 3 of the

1 Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004.

2 "Veterinary care" means the practice, by a veterinarian,
3 of veterinary medicine as defined in Section 3 of the
4 Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004. The term
5 includes annual wellness examinations, vaccinations, internal
6 and external parasite prevention treatments, testing and
7 treatment of illnesses and diseases, medications, emergency
8 care and surgeries, veterinary oncology or other specialty
9 care, euthanasia, and cremation.

10 Section 15. Establishment of program. The Care for Retired
11 Police Dogs Program is created within the University of
12 Illinois to provide a stable funding source for the veterinary
13 care for retired police dogs.

14 Section 20. Administration. The Board of Trustees of the
15 University of Illinois shall contract with a not-for-profit
16 corporation organized under Article 2 of the General Not For
17 Profit Corporation Act of 1986 to administer and manage the
18 Care for Retired Police Dogs Program. The Board of Trustees of
19 the University of Illinois shall select the not-for-profit
20 corporation through a competitive grant award process. The
21 not-for-profit corporation must meet all of the following
22 criteria:

23 (1) Be dedicated to the protection or care of retired
24 police dogs.

1 (2) Be exempt from taxation under Section 501(a) of
2 the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in
3 Section 501(c)(3) of that Code.

4 (3) Have maintained such tax-exempt status for at
5 least 5 years.

6 (4) Agree to be subject to review and audit at the
7 discretion of the Auditor General in order to ensure
8 accurate accounting and disbursement of State funds.

9 (5) Demonstrate the ability to effectively and
10 efficiently disseminate information and to assist former
11 handlers and adopters of retired police dogs in complying
12 with this Act.

13 Section 25. Funding.

14 (a) From appropriations made by the General Assembly from
15 the Illinois Police K-9 Memorial Fund to the University of
16 Illinois for implementation of this Act, the Board of Trustees
17 of the University of Illinois shall make grants to the
18 not-for-profit corporation contracted by the Board of Trustees
19 of the University of Illinois under Section 20 to be the
20 disbursing authority for the Care for Retired Police Dogs
21 Program. These funds must be disbursed to the former handler
22 or the adopter of a retired police dog that served for 5 years
23 or more as a police dog upon receipt of:

24 (1) valid documentation from the law enforcement
25 agency or correctional agency from which the dog retired

1 which verifies that the dog was in the service of or
2 employed by that agency; and

3 (A) that the dog served 5 years or more with that
4 agency;

5 (B) documentation showing that the dog served a
6 total of 5 years or more with 2 or more law enforcement
7 agencies or correctional agencies; or

8 (C) that, notwithstanding the length of service
9 requirements elsewhere in this paragraph, the dog
10 served 3 years or more with one or more law enforcement
11 agencies or correctional agencies, was injured in the
12 line of duty while serving with a law enforcement
13 agency or correctional agency, and retired from the
14 agency the dog was serving with at the time of the
15 injury due to such injury; and

16 (2) a valid invoice from a veterinarian for veterinary
17 care provided in this State to a retired police dog and
18 documentation establishing payment of the invoice by the
19 former handler or the adopter of the retired police dog.

20 (b) Annual disbursements to a former handler or an adopter
21 to reimburse him or her for the cost of the retired police
22 dog's veterinary care may not exceed \$1,500 per dog. A former
23 handler or an adopter of a retired police dog may not
24 accumulate unused funds from a current year for use in a future
25 year.

26 (c) A former handler or an adopter of a retired police dog

1 who seeks reimbursement for veterinary care may not receive
2 reimbursement if funds appropriated for the Care for Retired
3 Police Dogs Program are depleted in the year for which the
4 reimbursement is sought.

5 Section 30. Administrative expenses. The University of
6 Illinois shall pay to the not-for-profit corporation, and the
7 not-for-profit corporation may use, up to 10% of appropriated
8 funds for its administrative expenses, including salaries and
9 benefits.

10 Section 35. Rules. The University of Illinois shall adopt
11 rules to implement this Act.

12 Section 90. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
13 changing Section 3-699.8 as follows:

14 (625 ILCS 5/3-699.8)

15 Sec. 3-699.8. Illinois Police K-9 Memorial Plates.

16 (a) The Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and
17 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary, may
18 issue special registration plates designated as Illinois
19 Police K-9 Memorial license plates. The special plates issued
20 under this Section shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles
21 of the first division or motor vehicles of the second division
22 weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. Plates issued under this

1 Section shall expire according to the multi-year procedure
2 established by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

3 (b) The design and color of the plates is wholly within the
4 discretion of the Secretary. The Secretary may allow the
5 plates to be issued as vanity plates or personalized under
6 Section 3-405.1 of the Code. Appropriate documentation, as
7 determined by the Secretary, shall accompany each application.
8 The Secretary shall prescribe stickers or decals as provided
9 under Section 3-412 of this Code.

10 (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$40 fee for original
11 issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee. Of
12 this additional fee, \$15 shall be deposited into the Secretary
13 of State Special License Plate Fund and \$25 shall be deposited
14 into the Illinois Police K-9 Memorial Fund. For each
15 registration renewal period, a \$27 fee, in addition to the
16 appropriate registration fee, shall be charged. Of this
17 additional fee, \$2 shall be deposited into the Secretary of
18 State Special License Plate Fund and \$25 shall be deposited
19 into the Illinois Police K-9 Memorial Fund.

20 (d) The Illinois Police K-9 Memorial Fund is created as a
21 special fund in the State treasury. All moneys in the Illinois
22 Police K-9 Memorial Fund shall be paid, subject to
23 appropriation by the General Assembly and distribution by the
24 Secretary, as grants to the Northern Illinois Police K-9
25 Memorial for the creation, operation, and maintenance of a
26 police K-9 memorial monument and for grants under the Care for

1 Retired Police Dogs Program Act.

2 (Source: P.A. 98-360, eff. 1-1-14; 98-756, eff. 7-16-14.)".