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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3140

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 3140 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; and

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, gaming, immigration,  
16 postal, customs, or controlled substances 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 or a similar certifying organization.

25 "Veterinarian" has the same meaning given to that term in

1 the 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 system to provide a stable funding source for the  
13 veterinary care of 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) It must be dedicated to the protection or care of  
24 retired police dogs.

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

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

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

9           (5) It must 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) Subject to appropriations made by the General Assembly  
15          from the Illinois Police K-9 Memorial Fund to the University  
16          of Illinois for implementation of this Act, the Board of  
17          Trustees of the University of Illinois shall make grants to  
18          the not-for-profit corporation contracted by the Board of  
19          Trustees of the University of Illinois under Section 20 to be  
20          the 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 that the dog served:

3 (A) 5 years or more with that agency;

4 (B) a total of 5 years or more with 2 or more law  
5 enforcement agencies or correctional agencies; or

6 (C) 3 years or more with one or more law  
7 enforcement agencies or correctional agencies and was  
8 injured in the line of duty while serving with a law  
9 enforcement agency or correctional agency and retired  
10 from the agency the dog was serving with at the time of  
11 the injury due to the injury; and

12 (2) a valid invoice from a veterinarian for veterinary  
13 care provided in this State to a retired police dog and  
14 documentation establishing payment of the invoice by the  
15 former handler or the adopter of the retired police dog.

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

22 (c) A former handler or an adopter of a retired police dog  
23 who seeks reimbursement for veterinary care under this Act may  
24 not receive reimbursement if funds appropriated for the Care  
25 for Retired Police Dogs Program are depleted in the year for  
26 which the reimbursement is sought.

1       Section 30. Administrative expenses. The University of  
2       Illinois shall pay to the not-for-profit corporation  
3       contracted by the Board of Trustees of the University of  
4       Illinois under Section 20, and the not-for-profit corporation  
5       may use, up to 10% of appropriated funds each fiscal year for  
6       the not-for-profit corporation's administrative expenses,  
7       including salaries and benefits.

8       Section 90. Rules. The Board of Trustees of the University  
9       of Illinois shall adopt rules to implement this Act.

10       Section 100. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by  
11       changing Section 3-699.8 as follows:

12       (625 ILCS 5/3-699.8)

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

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

1 3-414.1 of this Code.

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

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

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

1       (e) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (a) of  
2       Section 3-600, if the Secretary of State has not received  
3       2,000 plate applications to issue the special plate authorized  
4       under this Section by January 1, 2028, then the Secretary of  
5       State's authority to issue the special plate is nullified and  
6       the plate shall not be issued.

7       (f) If the Secretary of State has not received 2,000 plate  
8       applications to issue the special plate authorized under this  
9       Section by January 1, 2028, then the provisions of this  
10      Section, other than this subsection (f), are inoperative after  
11      January 1, 2028.

12      (Source: P.A. 103-843, eff. 1-1-25.)".