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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Transporting Agencies

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**Subject:** EMS System Position Statement on Public Act 100-0108

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As some of you are aware, Governor Rauner signed House Bill 2661 into law yesterday. At its simplest level, this amendment to the EMS scope of practice allows agencies to transport police K-9's who are injured in the line of duty to either a veterinary clinic or similar facility.

The system has been following this bill as it proceeded through the legislative process. We have a draft policy already written, but due to some changes in the language from the original bill and synopsis, and a lack of change to other laws and regulations that we were expecting to see amended that were not, it is necessary to amend that policy slightly before forwarding that policy on to the Illinois Department of Public Health for approval.

It is our anticipation that our policy will be drafted to permit this action of transporting Police K-9's. It is also likely that the policy will be written in a way to make this a permissible activity and not a mandatory activity of EMS agencies, as the act is very clear that it is a MAY situation not a shall situation

We will be sharing a copy of our draft policy for feedback just as soon as it is completed. If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact me in the office.

If you are interested in reading more about HB 2661 you can consult this news release

<http://www.myradiolink.com/2017/08/15/governor-rauner-signs-bill-allowing-ems-personnel-to-take-injured-police-dogs-to-veterinary-clinics/>