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Summary of Changes V.N to V.I

House Bill 70, Version I – “Rico’s Law”

An act related to emergency medical services and operational canines.

Change 1: Updates section 1 to clarify that EMS personnel are permitted to perform functions of veterinary medicine as authorized under AS 18.08.093, rather than being exempt from penalties for practicing veterinary medicine without a license under the same statute.

Change 2: Adds a new section 3 to amend AS 18.08.082(a) to direct the Department of Health to set requirements prior to authorizing a licensed EMT or paramedic to provide emergency medical services to an operational canine.

Change 3: Amends section 7 to clarify how an EMT determines if veterinary care will be available in time to provide care for an operational canine and removes requirements related to training, authorization, and compliance for human care from the bill.