

Amend CSHB 300 (House committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered ARTICLE to the bill and renumbering subsequent ARTICLES of the bill appropriately:

ARTICLE \_\_\_\_\_. K-9 LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_.01. Subchapter A, Chapter 821, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 821.005 to read as follows:

Sec. 821.005. HEAT ALARM SYSTEM IN K-9 LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES. (a) In this section, "law enforcement agency" means:

- (1) the Department of Public Safety;
- (2) the sheriff's department of a county; or
- (3) the police department of a municipality.

(b) A law enforcement agency may equip each vehicle used in a K-9 law enforcement program with a heat alarm system that is activated when the vehicle stops running or the temperature in the vehicle's interior becomes dangerous to a police dog in the vehicle. The system when activated must:

- (1) activate an audible alarm;
- (2) automatically lower the vehicle's rear windows;

and

- (3) page the K-9 law enforcement officer.

(c) This section does not apply to an open-air vehicle used in connection with a K-9 law enforcement program.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_.02. A vehicle used in a K-9 law enforcement program equipped with a heat alarm system on the effective date of this Act is not required to meet the standards under Section 821.005, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, before January 1, 2011.