

H.R. 3144 – K9 HEROES ACT

H.R. 3144 in the current 119th Congress (2025–2026) is the Honoring our **K9 Heroes Act**, introduced by Rep. Brian K. Fitzpatrick (R-PA).

Overview and Purpose

- **Official Title:** A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a grant program to increase access to medical care for retired Federal working dogs, and for other purposes.
- **Sponsors:** Introduced by Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick alongside co-sponsor Rep. Mike Quigley.
- **Current Status:** Introduced May 1, 2025, and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Key Details

- **Financial Relief:** Aims to ease the heavy out-of-pocket veterinary and medical expenses that often fall on the handlers or nonprofit organizations caring for retired federal and military working dogs.
- **Scope:** Provides formal grant structures to support dogs that served in explosive detection, narcotics tracking, and troop/officer protection

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