

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 501, Page 7, Section 198.053, Line 9, by
2 inserting immediately after said section and line the following:

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4 "209.150. 1. Every person with a visual, aural or other disability including diabetes, as
5 disability is defined in section 213.010, shall have the same rights afforded to a person with no such
6 disability to the full and free use of the streets, highways, sidewalks, walkways, public buildings,
7 public facilities, and other public places.

8 2. Every person with a visual, aural or other disability including diabetes, as disability is
9 defined in section 213.010, is entitled to full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, and
10 privileges of all common carriers, airplanes, motor vehicles, railroad trains, motor buses, taxis,
11 streetcars, boats or any other public conveyances or modes of transportation, hotels, lodging places,
12 places of public accommodation, amusement or resort, and other places to which the general public
13 is invited, subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable alike to
14 all persons.

15 3. Every person with a visual, aural or other disability including diabetes, as disability is
16 defined in section 213.010, shall have the right to be accompanied by a guide dog, hearing dog, or
17 service dog, as defined in section 209.200, which is especially trained for the purpose, in any of the
18 places listed in subsection 2 of this section without being required to pay an extra charge for the
19 guide dog, hearing dog or service dog; provided that such person shall be liable for any damage
20 done to the premises or facilities by such dog.

21 4. As used in sections 209.150 to 209.190, the term "service dog" [means any dog
22 specifically trained to assist a person with a physical or mental disability by performing necessary
23 tasks or doing work which the person cannot perform. Such tasks shall include, but not be limited
24 to, pulling a wheelchair, retrieving items, carrying supplies, and search and rescue of an individual
25 with a disability] shall be as defined in section 209.200.

26 209.200. As used in sections [209.200] 209.150 to 209.204, not to exceed the provisions of
27 the Americans With Disabilities Act, the following terms shall mean:

28 (1) "Disability", as defined in section 213.010 including diabetes;

29 (2) "Service dog", a dog that is being or has been specially trained to do work or perform
30 tasks which benefit a particular person with a disability. Service dog includes but is not limited to:

31 (a) "Guide dog", a dog that is being or has been specially trained to assist a particular blind
32 or visually impaired person;

33 (b) "Hearing dog", a dog that is being or has been specially trained to assist a particular deaf
34 or hearing-impaired person;

35 (c) "Medical alert or [respond] response dog", a dog that is being or has been trained to alert
36 a person with a disability that a particular medical event is about to occur or to respond to a medical

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1 event that has occurred;

2 (d) "Mental health service dog" or "psychiatric service dog", a dog individually trained for
3 its owner who is diagnosed with a psychiatric disability, medical condition, or developmental
4 disability recognized in the most recently published Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental
5 Disorders (DSM) to perform tasks that mitigate or assist with difficulties including, but not limited
6 to, alerting or responding to episodes such as panic attacks and anxiety and performing other tasks
7 directly related to the owner's psychiatric disability, medical condition, or developmental disability
8 including, but not limited to, autism spectrum disorder, epilepsy, major depressive disorder, bipolar
9 disorder, Alzheimer's disease, dementia, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), anxiety disorder,
10 obsessive compulsive disorder, schizophrenia, and other mental illnesses and invisible disabilities;

11 (e) "Mobility dog", a dog that is being or has been specially trained to assist a person with a
12 disability caused by physical impairments;

13 [(e)] (f) "Professional therapy dog", a dog which is selected, trained, and tested to provide
14 specific physical therapeutic functions, under the direction and control of a qualified handler who
15 works with the dog as a team as a part of the handler's occupation or profession. Such dogs, with
16 their handlers, perform such functions in institutional settings, community-based group settings, or
17 when providing services to specific persons who have disabilities. Professional therapy dogs do not
18 include dogs, certified or not, which are used by volunteers in visitation therapy;

19 [(f)] (g) "Search and rescue dog", a dog that is being or has been trained to search for or
20 prevent a person with a mental disability, including but not limited to verbal and nonverbal autism,
21 from becoming lost;

22 (3) "Service dog team", a team consisting of a trained service dog, a disabled person or
23 child, and a person who is an adult and who has been trained to handle the service dog."; and
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25 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
26 accordingly.
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