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4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 227

5 By: Senator Rapert
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CREATE THE PATRICIA HEATH ACT; TO INCLUDE
9 ALL SERVICE DOGS AUTHORIZED FOR ACCOMPANIMENT UNDER
10 THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT IN THE RIGHT OF
11 INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A
12 SERVICE ANIMAL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO CREATE THE PATRICIA HEATH ACT;
16 TO INCLUDE ALL SERVICE DOGS AUTHORIZED
17 FOR ACCOMPANIMENT UNDER THE AMERICANS
18 WITH DISABILITY ACT IN THE RIGHT OF
19 INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES TO BE
20 ACCOMPANIED BY A SERVICE ANIMAL.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Title.

27 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Patricia Heath Act".
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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-14-304(a), concerning the right of an
30 individual with disabilities to be accompanied by a service animal, is
31 amended to read as follows:

32 (a) Every individual with visual, hearing, or other ~~physical~~
33 disabilities ~~shall have~~ has the right to be accompanied by a service animal
34 especially trained or actively engaged in training to do work or to perform
35 tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability in or upon any and
36 all public ways, public places, and other public accommodations and housing



1 accommodations prescribed in § 20-14-303 and to be accompanied by a service
2 dog as defined in Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act,
3 as it existed on January 1, 2017, and shall not be required to pay any extra
4 fee or charge for the service animal.

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