

General Assembly

February Session, 2024

Substitute Bill No. 5288

AN ACT ALIGNING STATE LAW WITH FEDERAL LAW CONCERNING SERVICE ANIMALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Section 5-247b of the general statutes is repealed and the
 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):
- 3 (a) As used in this section, "disability" and "service animal" have the
 4 same meanings as provided in section 22-345, as amended by this act.

5 (b) Each appointing authority shall grant to each full-time employee in a permanent position in [the state service or full-time employee of] a 6 7 state or quasi-public agency who (1) [is blind or physically disabled] has 8 a disability, and (2) has been employed for at least twelve consecutive 9 months, the use of accumulated paid sick leave, not to exceed [fifteen] 10 twenty days, to participate in training conducted by [a guide dog 11 organization or assistance dog organization] an organization that trains 12 service animals, provided such organization is a member of a 13 professional association of [guide dog or assistance dog] service animal 14 schools, to prepare the employee to handle a [guide dog or assistance 15 dog] service animal for the employee's own use. The appointing 16 authority may require up to seven days' advance notice of an employee's 17 intention to use such leave and may require the employee to provide 18 reasonable documentation that such leave is being taken for the purpose 19 permitted under this section.

20 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) As used in this section, 21 "disability" and "service animal" have the same meanings as provided 22 in section 22-345 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

23 (b) Each chief elected official or chief executive officer of a 24 municipality shall grant to each full-time employee in a permanent 25 position who (1) has a disability, and (2) has been employed for at least 26 twelve consecutive months, the use of accumulated paid sick leave, not 27 to exceed twenty days, to participate in training conducted by an 28 organization that trains service animals, provided such organization is 29 a member of a professional association of service animal schools, to 30 prepare the employee to handle a service animal for the employee's own 31 use. The chief elected official or chief executive officer may require up 32 to seven days' advance notice of an employee's intention to use such 33 leave and may require the employee to provide reasonable 34 documentation that such leave is being taken for the purpose permitted 35 under this section.

Sec. 3. Subsection (f) of section 13b-119 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
2024):

39 (f) A transportation network company driver shall: (1) Comply with 40 all applicable laws regarding nondiscrimination against transportation 41 network company riders or potential transportation network company 42 riders on the basis of age, color, creed, destination, intellectual or 43 physical disability, national origin, race, sex, sexual orientation or 44 gender identity; (2) comply with all applicable laws relating to the 45 accommodation of service animals and accommodate service animals 46 without imposing additional charges for such accommodation; (3) 47 comply with the policies adopted by the transportation network 48 company pursuant to subsection (c) of section 13b-118 and subsections 49 (d) and (e) of this section; (4) not impose additional charges for 50 providing prearranged rides to persons with physical disabilities 51 because of such disabilities; and (5) not solicit or accept a request for 52 transportation unless the request is accepted through the transportation

53 network company's digital network. For the purposes of this subsection,

54 <u>"service animal" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-345, as</u>

55 <u>amended by this act.</u>

56 Sec. 4. Subsection (d) of section 14-300 of the 2024 supplement to the 57 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu 58 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

59 (d) The operator of a motor vehicle who approaches or comes into the immediate vicinity of a pedestrian who is blind, as defined in subsection 60 61 (a) of section 1-1f, carrying a white cane or a white cane tipped with red, 62 or a pedestrian being guided by a [guide dog] service animal, shall 63 reduce speed or stop, if necessary, to yield the right-of-way to such 64 pedestrian. No person, except one who is blind, shall carry or use on any 65 street or highway, or in any other public place, a cane or walking stick 66 which is white in color or white, tipped with red. For the purposes of 67 this subsection, "service animal" has the same meaning as provided in 68 section 22-345, as amended by this act.

69 Sec. 5. Section 14-300i of the general statutes is repealed and the 70 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

71 (a) As used in [subsection (b) of] this section, (1) "vulnerable user" 72 means: (A) A pedestrian; (B) a highway worker; (C) a person riding or 73 driving an animal; (D) a person riding a bicycle, an electric bicycle or an 74 electric foot scooter; (E) a person using a skateboard, roller skates or in-75 line skates; (F) a person operating or riding on an agricultural tractor; 76 (G) a person using a wheelchair or motorized chair; (H) a person who is 77 blind and such person's service animal; and (I) a person operating (i) a 78 commercial motor vehicle equipped with a garbage compactor, a 79 detachable container or a curbside recycling body, (ii) a tank vehicle, (iii) 80 a vehicle authorized by the United States government to carry mail, or 81 (iv) a vehicle authorized by an express delivery carrier service, (2) "public way" includes any state or other public highway, road, street, 82 83 avenue, alley, driveway, parkway or place, under the control of the state 84 or any political subdivision of the state, dedicated, appropriated or

opened to public travel or other use, (3) "substantial bodily harm" means
bodily injury that involves a temporary but substantial disfigurement,
causes a temporary but substantial loss or impairment of the function of
any bodily part or organ, or causes a fracture of any bodily part, [and]
(4) "serious physical injury" has the same meaning as provided in
section 53a-3, and (5) "service animal" has the same meaning as
provided in section 22-345, as amended by this act.

(b) Any person operating a motor vehicle on a public way who fails
to exercise reasonable care and causes substantial bodily harm to, or the
serious physical injury or death, of a vulnerable user of a public way,
provided such vulnerable user has shown reasonable care in such user's
use of the public way, shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars.

97 Sec. 6. Section 22-345 of the general statutes is repealed and the 98 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

99 Any person with a disability who is the owner or keeper of a dog 100 [which] that has been trained as a service animal, is in training to 101 become a service animal for such person, is in training to become a 102 service animal or is enrolled in a program described in section 17a-22ee 103 shall receive a license and tag for such dog from the town clerk of the 104 town where such dog is owned or kept. Such license and tag shall be 105 issued in accordance with the provisions of section 22-340, and no fee 106 shall be required of the owner or keeper of any such dog. When any 107 such dog has not been previously licensed [,] by the town clerk to whom 108 application is being made, and it is not obvious that the dog is a service animal, such town clerk may inquire of such owner or keeper whether 109 110 the dog is a service animal required because of a disability and what 111 work or task the dog has been trained to perform. Any person who has 112 a dog placed with such person temporarily, including for breeding 113 purposes, by a nonprofit organization established for the purpose of 114 training or educating the dog as a service animal shall receive a license 115 and tag for such dog from the town clerk of the town where such dog is 116 kept. Such license and tag shall be issued in accordance with the 117 provisions of section 22-340, and no fee shall be required for such license

and tag, provided such person presents confirmation that such dog was
placed with such person by such organization. As used in this section,
(1) "disability" means any one or more of the following, as defined in
section 46a-51: (A) An intellectual disability, (B) physically disabled, (C)
a mental disability, or (D) a learning disability; and (2) "service animal"
has the same meaning as provided in 28 CFR 35.104, as amended from
time to time, and includes a service animal in training.

Sec. 7. Subsection (c) of section 22-354a of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
2024):

128 (c) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to apply to 129 any lease or rental of any of the following animals provided such animal 130 is used in accordance with any applicable provision of federal or state 131 law or any municipal ordinance: (1) Any purebred dog that is rented for 132 the purpose of breeding, pursuant to a written lease, when such lease is 133 recorded with a national purebred dog registry and such lease is for a 134 specific period of time and contains an end date for such lease, (2) any 135 animal used in a spectator event, show, exhibition, motion picture, 136 audiovisual media, including, but not limited to, any animal exhibition, 137 any racing event, any field trial, polo or any rodeo, or (3) any working 138 animal that is trained or utilized to perform tasks, including, but not 139 limited to, [guide dogs] service animals, security dogs, law enforcement 140 dogs and any assistance animal. For the purposes of this subsection, 141 "service animal" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-345, as 142 amended by this act.

Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 22-357 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
2024):

146 (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Law enforcement officer" means: Each officer, employee or otherperson otherwise paid by or acting as an agent of (A) the Division of

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149 State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public

150 Protection; (B) the Office of the State Capitol Police; (C) a municipal

151 police department; and (D) the Department of Correction;

(2) "Property" includes, but is not limited to, a companion animal, asdefined in section 22-351a; [and]

(3) "The amount of such damage", with respect to a companion
animal, includes expenses of veterinary care, the fair monetary value of
the companion animal, including all training expenses for a [guide dog]
<u>service animal</u> owned by a [blind person or an assistance dog owned by
a deaf or mobility impaired] person <u>with a disability</u> and burial
expenses for the companion animal; and

(4) "Service animal" has the same meaning as provided in section 22 <u>345, as amended by this act</u>.

162 Sec. 9. Subsection (c) of section 22-358 of the general statutes is 163 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 164 2024):

165 (c) The commissioner, the Chief Animal Control Officer, any animal 166 control officer, any municipal animal control officer or any regional 167 animal control officer may make any order concerning the restraint or 168 disposal of any biting dog, cat or other animal as the commissioner or 169 such officer deems necessary. Notice of any such order shall be given to 170 the person bitten by such dog, cat or other animal within twenty-four 171 hours. The owner of such animal shall pay all fees as set forth in section 172 22-333. Any owner or keeper of such dog, cat or other animal who fails 173 to comply with such order shall be guilty of a class D misdemeanor. If 174 an owner or keeper fails to comply with a restraining order made 175 pursuant to this subsection, the Chief Animal Control Officer, any 176 animal control officer, any municipal animal control officer or any 177 regional animal control officer may seize the dog, cat or other animal to 178 ensure such compliance and the owner or keeper shall be responsible 179 for any expenses resulting from such seizure. Any person aggrieved by

180 an order of any municipal animal control officer, the Chief Animal 181 Control Officer, any animal control officer or any regional animal 182 control officer may request a hearing before the commissioner within fourteen days of the issuance of such order. Any order issued pursuant 183 184 to this section that requires the restraint of an animal shall be effective 185 upon its issuance and shall remain in effect during any appeal of such 186 order to the commissioner. After such hearing, the commissioner may 187 affirm, modify or revoke such order as the commissioner deems proper. 188 Any dog owned by a police agency of the state or any of its political 189 subdivisions is exempt from the provisions of this subsection when such 190 dog is under the direct supervision, care and control of an assigned 191 police officer, is currently vaccinated and is subject to routine veterinary 192 care. Any [guide dog] service animal owned or in the custody and 193 control of a [blind person or a person with a mobility impairment] 194 person with a disability is exempt from the provisions of this subsection 195 when such [guide dog] service animal is under the direct supervision, 196 care and control of such person, is currently vaccinated and is subject to 197 routine veterinary care. For the purposes of this subsection, "service 198 animal" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-345, as 199 amended by this act.

Sec. 10. Section 22-364b of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes
is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*1, 2024):

203 The owner or keeper of a dog shall restrain and control such dog on 204 a leash when such dog is not on the property of its owner or keeper and 205 is in proximity to a person with a disability accompanied by a service 206 animal, provided such service animal is readily identifiable as a service 207 animal, is in the direct custody of such person and is licensed in 208 accordance with section 22-345, as amended by this act. Any person who 209 violates the provisions of this section shall have committed an 210 infraction. If an owner or keeper of a dog violates the provisions of this 211 section and, as a result of such violation, such dog attacks and injures 212 the service animal, such owner or keeper shall be liable, as provided in

section 22-357, as amended by this act, for any damage done to such 213 214 service animal, and such liability shall include liability for any costs 215 incurred by such person with a disability for the veterinary care, 216 rehabilitation or replacement of the injured service animal and for 217 reasonable attorney's fees. As used in this section, "service animal" has 218 the same meaning as provided in section 22-345, as amended by this act. 219 Sec. 11. Section 46a-44 of the general statutes is repealed and the 220 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*): 221 (a) As used in this section, (1) "disability" and "service animal" have 222 the same meanings as provided in section 22-345, as amended by this act; and (2) "person training an animal as a service animal" means a 223 224 person who (A) (i) is employed by an organization that trains service 225 animals, (ii) complies with the criteria for membership in a professional 226 association of schools that train service animals, (iii) is authorized to 227 engage in designated training activities, and (iv) carries photographic 228 identification indicating such employment and authorization, or (B) 229 volunteers for an organization that (i) trains service animals, and (ii) 230 authorizes volunteers to raise animals to become service animals. 231 [(a)] (b) Any [blind, deaf or mobility impaired] person with a 232

<u>disability</u> or any person training [a dog as a guide dog for a blind person 233 or an assistance dog to assist a deaf or mobility impaired person] an 234 animal as a service animal to assist a person with a disability may travel 235 on a train or on any other mode of public transportation, and may enter 236 any other place of public accommodation [which] that caters or offers 237 its services or facilities or goods to the general public, including but not 238 limited to, any public building, inn, restaurant, hotel, motel, tourist 239 cabin, place of amusement, resort or any facility of any such public 240 accommodation, accompanied by such person's [guide dog or assistance 241 dog] service animal, and such person may keep such [dog] service 242 animal with him or her at all times in any such public accommodation 243 or facility thereof at no extra charge, provided such [dog] service animal 244 shall be in the direct custody and control of such person. [and shall be 245 wearing a harness or an orange-colored leash and collar.]

246 [(b)] (c) Any [blind, deaf or mobility impaired] person with a 247 disability or any person training [a dog as a guide dog for a blind person 248 or an assistance dog to assist a deaf or mobility impaired person] an 249 animal as a service animal for a person with a disability shall be entitled 250 to visit any place of public accommodation, resort or amusement or a 251 dwelling as a guest of a lawful occupant thereof, accompanied by such 252 person's [guide dog or assistance dog] service animal, and such person 253 may keep such [dog] service animal with him or her at all times in such 254 public accommodation, resort, amusement or dwelling at no extra 255 charge, provided such [dog] service animal shall be in the direct custody 256 and control of such person. [and shall be wearing a harness or an 257 orange-colored leash and collar.] No such [blind, deaf or mobility 258 impaired] person with a disability or person training [a dog as a guide 259 dog or an assistance dog] an animal as a service animal shall be charged 260 any fee not applicable alike to all guests, provided the owner of such 261 [dog] service animal shall be liable for any damage done to the premises 262 or facilities by such [dog] service animal. For the purposes of this 263 subsection, (1) a "place of public accommodation, resort or amusement" 264 means any establishment which caters or offers its services or facilities 265 or goods to the general public, including, but not limited to, any commercial building lot, on which it is intended that a commercial 266 property or building will be constructed or offered for sale or rent, and 267 268 (2) "dwelling" means any building, structure, mobile manufactured 269 home park or portion thereof which is occupied as, or designed or 270 intended for occupancy as, a residence by one or more families, and any 271 vacant land which is offered for sale or lease for the construction or 272 location thereon of any such building, structure, mobile manufactured 273 home park or portion thereof, provided the provisions of this subsection 274 shall not apply to (A) the rental of a room or rooms in a single-family 275 dwelling unit, if the owner actually maintains and occupies part of such 276 living quarters as the owner's residence, or (B) a unit in a dwelling 277 containing living quarters occupied or intended to be occupied by no 278 more than two families living independently of each other, if the owner 279 actually maintains and occupies the other such living quarters as the 280 owner's residence.

281 [(c)] (d) Any person who intentionally interferes with [a blind, deaf 282 or mobility impaired person's use of a guide dog or an assistance dog 283 the use of a service animal by a person with a disability, including, but not limited to, any action intended to harass or annoy the [blind, deaf or 284 285 mobility impaired] person [,] with a disability or the person training [a 286 dog as a guide dog or assistance dog or the guide dog or assistance dog] an animal as a service animal, or who denies the rights afforded to a 287 288 [blind, deaf or mobility impaired] person with a disability or person 289 training [a dog as a guide dog or an assistance dog] an animal as a 290 service animal under subsection [(a) or] (b) or (c) of this section shall be 291 guilty of a class C misdemeanor, provided such [blind, deaf or mobility 292 impaired] person with a disability or person training [a dog as a guide 293 dog or an assistance dog] an animal as a service animal complies with 294 the applicable provisions of subsection [(a) or] (b) or (c) of this section.

295 [(d) For the purposes of this section, "guide dog" or "assistance dog" 296 includes a dog being trained as a guide dog or assistance dog and 297 "person training a dog as a guide dog for a blind person or an assistance 298 dog to assist a deaf or mobility impaired person" means a person who 299 is employed by and authorized to engage in designated training 300 activities by a guide dog organization or assistance dog organization 301 that complies with the criteria for membership in a professional 302 association of guide dog or assistance dog schools and who carries 303 photographic identification indicating such employment and 304 authorization, or a person who volunteers for a guide dog organization 305 or assistance dog organization that authorizes such volunteers to raise 306 dogs to become guide dogs or assistance dogs and causes the 307 identification of such dog with (1) identification tags, (2) ear tattoos, (3) 308 identifying bandanas on puppies, (4) identifying coats on adult dogs, or 309 (5) leashes and collars.]

Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 46a-64 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
2024):

(a) It shall be a discriminatory practice in violation of this section: (1)

314 To deny any person within the jurisdiction of this state full and equal 315 accommodations in any place of public accommodation, resort or 316 amusement because of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, 317 gender identity or expression, marital status, age, lawful source of 318 income, intellectual disability, mental disability, physical disability, 319 including, but not limited to, blindness or deafness, status as a veteran 320 or status as a victim of domestic violence, of the applicant, subject only 321 to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable alike 322 to all persons; (2) to discriminate, segregate or separate on account of 323 race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or 324 expression, marital status, age, lawful source of income, intellectual 325 disability, mental disability, learning disability, physical disability, 326 including, but not limited to, blindness or deafness, status as a veteran 327 or status as a victim of domestic violence; (3) for a place of public 328 accommodation, resort or amusement to restrict or limit the right of a 329 mother to breast-feed her child; (4) for a place of public accommodation, 330 resort or amusement to [fail or refuse to post a notice, in a conspicuous 331 place, that any blind, deaf or mobility impaired person, accompanied by 332 his guide dog wearing a harness or an orange-colored leash and collar, 333 may enter such premises or facilities] refuse entry to a person with a disability who is accompanied by a service animal; or (5) to deny any 334 335 [blind, deaf or mobility impaired] person with a disability or any person 336 training [a dog as a guide dog for a blind person or a dog to assist a deaf 337 or mobility impaired person] an animal as a service animal to assist a 338 person with a disability, accompanied by [his guide dog or assistance 339 dog] such service animal, full and equal access to any place of public 340 accommodation, resort or amusement. Any [blind, deaf or mobility 341 impaired] person with a disability or any person training [a dog as a 342 guide dog for a blind person or a dog to assist a deaf or mobility 343 impaired person] an animal as a service animal may keep [his guide dog 344 or assistance dog with him] such service animal at all times in such place 345 of public accommodation, resort or amusement at no extra charge, 346 provided [the dog wears a harness or an orange-colored leash and collar 347 and] such service animal is in the direct custody and control of such 348 person. [The blind, deaf or mobility impaired person or person training

349 a dog as a guide dog for a blind person or a dog to assist a deaf or 350 mobility impaired person shall be liable for any damage done to the 351 premises or facilities by his dog. For purposes of this subdivision, "guide 352 dog" or "assistance dog" includes a dog being trained as a guide dog or 353 assistance dog and "person training a dog as a guide dog for a blind 354 person or a dog to assist a deaf or mobility impaired person" means a person who is employed by and authorized to engage in designated 355 356 training activities by a guide dog organization or assistance dog 357 organization that complies with the criteria for membership in a 358 professional association of guide dog or assistance dog schools and who 359 carries photographic identification indicating such employment and 360 authorization.] When it is not obvious what service an animal provides, 361 staff of a place of public accommodation, resort or amusement may 362 inquire of the owner or keeper whether such animal is a service animal 363 required because of a disability and what work or task the animal has 364 been trained to perform. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude a 365 business owner's ability to recover for damage caused to a person or 366 property by a service animal. For the purposes of this subsection, 367 "service animal" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-345, as 368 amended by this act, and "place of public accommodation, resort or 369 amusement" has the same meaning as provided in section 46a-44, as 370 amended by this act.

Sec. 13. Section 52-175a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

The failure of a blind person to use a [guide dog] <u>service animal</u> or to carry a cane or walking stick which is predominantly white or metallic in color, with or without red tip, shall not be construed as evidence of comparative or contributory negligence in any negligence action. <u>As</u> <u>used in this section, "service animal" has the same meaning as provided</u> <u>in section 22-345, as amended by this act.</u>

Sec. 14. Section 54-201 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*): As used in sections 54-201 to 54-235, inclusive, as amended by this
<u>act</u>:

(1) "Victim" means a person who is injured or killed as provided insection 54-209;

(2) "Personal injury" means (A) actual bodily harm or emotional harm
and includes pregnancy and any condition thereof, or (B) injury or death
to a service animal, as defined in 28 CFR 35.104, as amended from time
to time, owned or kept by a person with a disability;

(3) "Dependent" means any relative of a deceased victim or a person
designated by a deceased victim in accordance with section 1-56r who
was wholly or partially dependent upon his income at the time of his
death or the child of a deceased victim and shall include the child of
such victim born after his death;

(4) "Relative" means a person's spouse, parent, grandparent,
stepparent, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, child, including a natural born
child, stepchild and adopted child, grandchild, brother, sister, half
brother or half sister or a parent of a person's spouse;

(5) "Crime" means any act which is a felony, as defined in section 53a25, or misdemeanor, as defined in section 53a-26, and includes any crime
committed by a juvenile; and

(6) "Emotional harm" means a mental or emotional impairment that
requires treatment through services and that is directly attributable to a
threat of (A) physical injury, as defined in subdivision (3) of section 53a3, or (B) death to the affected person.

Sec. 15. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) The Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities shall, within available appropriations, make available on its Internet web site links to educational materials on (1) the differences between service animals, emotional support animals and therapy animals, (2) the rights and responsibilities of an owner of each such animal under state and federal law, and (3) permissible methods 411 under state and federal law for an owner of a place of public 412 accommodation, resort or amusement, as defined in section 46a-63 of 413 the general statutes, or a landlord, to determine whether an animal is a 414 service animal, an emotional support animal or a therapy animal. As 415 used in this section, "service animal" has the same meaning as provided 416 in section 22-345 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

417 Sec. 16. Section 46a-42 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective July*

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This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2024	5-247b
Sec. 2	July 1, 2024	New section
Sec. 3	July 1, 2024	13b-119(f)
Sec. 4	July 1, 2024	14-300(d)
Sec. 5	July 1, 2024	14-300i
Sec. 6	July 1, 2024	22-345
Sec. 7	July 1, 2024	22-354a(c)
Sec. 8	July 1, 2024	22-357(a)
Sec. 9	July 1, 2024	22-358(c)
Sec. 10	July 1, 2024	22-364b
Sec. 11	July 1, 2024	46a-44
Sec. 12	July 1, 2024	46a-64(a)
Sec. 13	July 1, 2024	52-175a
Sec. 14	July 1, 2024	54-201
Sec. 15	July 1, 2024	New section
Sec. 16	July 1, 2024	Repealer section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Sections 1(a) and 2(a) were rewritten for consistency with standard drafting conventions; in Section 3, "For purposes" was changed to "For the purposes" for consistency; Section 4 was rewritten for consistency with standard drafting conventions; in Section 11(a)(2), "28 CFR 35.104, as amended from time to time, and includes a service animal in training" was changed to "section 22-345, as amended by this act" for consistency; Sections 11(a) and 11(d) were rewritten for consistency with standard drafting conventions; in Section 13, "For purposes of" was changed to

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"<u>As used in</u>" for consistency; and in Section 15, "For purposes of" was changed to "As used in" for consistency.

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