



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:

1 Section 1. Section 5-247b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 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  
6 in a permanent position in [the state service or full-time employee of] a  
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.

36       Sec. 3. Subsection (f) of section 13b-119 of the general statutes is  
37 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
38 *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 "service animal" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-345, as  
55 amended by this act.

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  
60 immediate vicinity of a pedestrian who is blind, as defined in subsection  
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)  
82 "public way" includes any state or other public highway, road, street,  
83 avenue, alley, driveway, parkway or place, under the control of the state  
84 or any political subdivision of the state, dedicated, appropriated or

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

92 (b) Any person operating a motor vehicle on a public way who fails  
93 to exercise reasonable care and causes substantial bodily harm to, or the  
94 serious physical injury or death, of a vulnerable user of a public way,  
95 provided such vulnerable user has shown reasonable care in such user's  
96 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  
109 animal, such town clerk may inquire of such owner or keeper whether  
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

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

125 Sec. 7. Subsection (c) of section 22-354a of the general statutes is  
126 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
127 *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.

143 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 22-357 of the general statutes is  
144 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
145 *2024*):

146 (a) As used in this section:

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

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

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

160 (4) "Service animal" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-  
161 345, as amended by this act.

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  
183 fourteen days of the issuance of such order. Any order issued pursuant  
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.

200 Sec. 10. Section 22-364b of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes  
201 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
202 *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  
213 section 22-357, as amended by this act, for any damage done to such  
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  
223 act; and (2) "person training an animal as a service animal" means a  
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 disability 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  
266 commercial building lot, on which it is intended that a commercial  
267 property or building will be constructed or offered for sale or rent, and  
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  
284 not limited to, any action intended to harass or annoy the [blind, deaf or  
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]  
287 an animal as a service animal, or who denies the rights afforded to a  
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.]

310 Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 46a-64 of the general statutes is  
311 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
312 *2024*):

313 (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  
334 disability who is accompanied by a service animal; or (5) to deny any  
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  
355 person who is employed by and authorized to engage in designated  
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.

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

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

379 Sec. 14. Section 54-201 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
380 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

381 As used in sections 54-201 to 54-235, inclusive, as amended by this

382 act:

383 (1) "Victim" means a person who is injured or killed as provided in  
384 section 54-209;

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

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

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

398 (5) "Crime" means any act which is a felony, as defined in section 53a-  
399 25, or misdemeanor, as defined in section 53a-26, and includes any crime  
400 committed by a juvenile; and

401 (6) "Emotional harm" means a mental or emotional impairment that  
402 requires treatment through services and that is directly attributable to a  
403 threat of (A) physical injury, as defined in subdivision (3) of section 53a-  
404 3, or (B) death to the affected person.

405 Sec. 15. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) The Commission on Human  
406 Rights and Opportunities shall, within available appropriations, make  
407 available on its Internet web site links to educational materials on (1) the  
408 differences between service animals, emotional support animals and  
409 therapy animals, (2) the rights and responsibilities of an owner of each  
410 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*  
418 *1, 2024*)

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

**VA**      *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable*