

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1296

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES; AMENDING SECTION 56-701A, IDAHO
2 CODE, TO REVISE DEFINITIONS; AND AMENDING THE HEADING FOR CHAPTER 7,
3 TITLE 56, IDAHO CODE.
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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 SECTION 1. That Section 56-701A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
7 amended to read as follows:

8 56-701A. DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter and chapter 58, title
9 18, Idaho Code:

10 (1) "Assistance device" means a cane or walking stick, predominantly
11 white or metallic in color, with or without red tip, or a manual or motor-
12 ized wheelchair or similar scooter, or other similar devices that enhance
13 the safety or mobility of a disabled person.

14 (2) "Assistance dog" means a dog that has been trained as a guide dog
15 for a blind or visually impaired person, a hearing dog for a hearing-impaired
16 person, or a service dog for a ~~physically~~ disabled person.

17 (3) "Disabled person" means a hearing, visually, mentally or physi-
18 cally impaired person.

19 (4) "Dog-in-training" means a dog being specifically trained to de-
20 velop social, environmental and other skills needed for admission to a
21 training school or other program for assistance dogs. Dogs-in-training
22 shall wear a jacket, collar, scarf or other similar article identifying it
23 as a dog-in-training.

24 (5) "Guide dog" means a dog that has been specially trained to aid a par-
25 ticular blind or visually impaired person.

26 (6) "Hearing dog" means a dog that has been specially trained to aid a
27 particular hearing-impaired person.

28 (7) "Hearing-impaired person" means a person who has a hearing impair-
29 ment manifested by a speech discrimination score of forty percent (40%) or
30 more in the better ear with appropriate correction as certified by a licensed
31 otologist, licensed audiologist, or the Idaho division of vocational reha-
32 bilitation.

33 (8) "Physically impaired person" means any person with any substantial
34 physical disability ~~which~~ that prevents normal participation in community
35 or life activities as are available and participated in by persons with no
36 such afflictions or conditions of the same age and sex.

37 (9) "Service dog" means a dog that has been specially trained to aid a
38 particular physically or mentally disabled person with a ~~physical~~ disabil-
39 ity other than sight or hearing impairment.

40 (10) "Visually impaired person" means any person who is blind, totally
41 blind, partially blind or otherwise visually impaired, meaning such person
42 has central visual acuity not exceeding 20/200 in the better eye, with cor-

