

SERVICE ANIMALS

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill enacts language related to a municipal or county ordinance regulating the keeping of a service animal.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ allows a person to keep a service animal, a retired service animal, or both in addition to a limit on the number of dogs a person may keep set by a municipality or county; and
- ▶ makes technical corrections.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

10-8-65, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1967, Chapter 23

ENACTS:

17-50-336, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **10-8-65** is amended to read:

30 **10-8-65. Regulation of dogs -- Service animals permitted.**

31 (1) A municipality may:

32 (a) license, tax, regulate, or prohibit the keeping of dogs[;]; and

33 (b) authorize the destruction, sale, or other disposal of [the same when] a dog if the dog
34 is at large contrary to ordinance.

35 (2) (a) As used in this Subsection (2):

36 (i) "Retired service animal" means a dog that:

37 (A) at one time was a service animal for the current owner; and

38 (B) no longer provides service animal services for the owner because of the dog's age
39 or other factors limiting the dog's service capability.

40 (ii) "Service animal" means a police service canine, as defined in Section 53-16-102.

41 (b) If a municipality adopts a limit as to the number of dogs a person may keep, the
42 municipality shall allow a person to keep a service animal, a retired service animal, or both in
43 addition to that limit.

44 Section 2. Section 17-50-336 is enacted to read:

45 **17-50-336. Service animals permitted.**

46 (1) As used in this section:

47 (a) "Retired service animal" means a dog that:

48 (i) at one time was a service animal for the current owner; and

49 (ii) no longer provides service animal services to the owner because of the dog's age or
50 other factors limiting the dog's service capability.

51 (b) "Service animal" means a police service canine, as defined in Section 53-16-102.

52 (2) If a county adopts a limit as to the number of dogs a person may keep, the county
53 shall allow a person to keep a service animal, a retired service animal, or both in addition to
54 that limit.