
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SERVICE ANIMALS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that service dogs provide
2 an essential duty for the members of our disabled community by
3 working or performing tasks for individuals with a physical,
4 sensory, intellectual, or mental disability. A typical service
5 dog receives twelve to eighteen months of specialized training
6 to assist its future owner and properly behave in areas where
7 other animals are prohibited. The public accommodations law
8 requires that service dogs have equal access to office
9 buildings, restaurants, hotels, common carriers, and other areas
10 as their handlers.

11 The legislature further finds that many nondisabled
12 individuals exploit service dogs' access to buildings and other
13 establishments by purchasing false service dog badges on the
14 internet, for as little as \$20, and bringing their untrained
15 dogs into restaurants, retail stores, and other areas where non-
16 service dogs are prohibited.

17 This practice erodes the legitimacy of the entire service
18 dog program, endangers service dogs, jeopardizes the public, and



1 violates many health regulations. In one incident, an untrained
2 dog wearing a service badge purchased through the internet badly
3 mauled a legitimate service dog.

4 The purpose of this Act is to protect the public and the
5 legitimacy of the service dog program by ensuring that only
6 lawful service dogs may enter public facilities and
7 accommodations.

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 347, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
10 and to read as follows:

11 "§347- Service dog tags. (a) Each county animal
12 control officer or appropriate county animal control agency
13 shall issue a service dog tag to the owner or handler of a dog
14 upon a showing that the dog qualifies as a service dog as
15 defined in section 347-2.5.

16 (b) There shall be no fee required of the owner or handler
17 for a service dog tag and the tag shall be valid as long as the
18 dog performs the tasks of a service dog.

19 (c) No person shall own or be a handler or a dog that
20 wears a service dog tag not issued pursuant to subsection (a)."

21 SECTION 3. Section 347-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
22 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:



1 "(b) Every person who is blind, deaf, visually
 2 handicapped, or otherwise disabled shall have the right to be
 3 accompanied by a service dog, especially trained for the purpose
 4 of assisting the person in any of the places listed in
 5 subsection (a) without being required to pay an extra charge for
 6 the service dog; provided that the [person]:

7 (1) Person shall be liable for any damage done to the
 8 premises or facilities by the service dog[-]; and

9 (2) Service dog shall wear a service dog tag issued
 10 pursuant to section 347- and a leash, harness, or
 11 cape that identifies the dog as a service dog.

12 No service dog shall be considered dangerous merely because it
 13 is unmuzzled."

14 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Animal Control; Service Dogs; Tags; Leash

Description:

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Requires a service dog to wear a service dog tag and a leash, harness, or cape that identifies the dog as a service dog.

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