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IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1075

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES; AMENDING SECTION 18-5811, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE TERMINOLOGY AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 18-5811A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE TERMINOLOGY; AMENDING SECTION 18-5812, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE TERMINOLOGY AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL COR-RECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 18-5812A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE TERMINOLOGY AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 18-5812B, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING SERVICE DOGS-IN-TRAINING; AMEND-ING SECTION 49-109, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 49-706, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE TERMINOLOGY; AMENDING THE HEADING FOR CHAPTER 7, TITLE 56, IDAHO CODE; AMENDING SECTION 56-701, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE TERMINOLOGY; AMENDING SECTION 56-701A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 56-702, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING FREE USE OF PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS BY INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES; AMENDING SECTION 56-703, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE TER-MINOLOGY AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 56-704, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE TERMINOLOGY AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING CHAPTER 7, TITLE 56, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SEC-TION 56-704A, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH SERVICE DOGS; AMENDING SECTION 56-704A, IDAHO CODE, TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION AND TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DOGS-IN-TRAINING; AMENDING SECTION 56-705, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE TERMINOLOGY; AMENDING SECTION 56-706, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE TERMINOLOGY AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AND AMENDING SECTION 56-707, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE TERMINOLOGY AND TO MAKE A TECHNI-CAL CORRECTION.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 18-5811, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 18-5811. ACTION REQUIRED TO AVOID ACCIDENT OR INJURY TO DISABLED PERSON INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES -- PROHIBITED INTENTIONAL ACTIONS -- PENALTIES. (1) Any person, whether a pedestrian, operating a vehicle or otherwise, who approaches an individual appearing to be a disabled person an individual with a disability or lawfully using an assistance device or assistance a service dog, and who:
 - (a) Intentionally fails to stop, change course, speak, or take such other action as is necessary to avoid any accident or injury to the disabled person individual with a disability, the assistance device, or the service dog, is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six (6) months, or by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both.

- (b) Intentionally startles or frightens such person's <u>service</u> dog_{τ} is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six (6) months, or by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both.
- (2) Any person who, without justification, intentionally interferes with the use of an assistance a service dog or an assistance device by obstructing, battering, or intimidating the user or the service dog, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six (6) months, or by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500), or by both.
- SECTION 2. That Section 18-5811A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 18-5811A. UNLAWFUL USE OF ASSISTANCE DEVICE, ASSISTANCE ANIMAL, OR SERVICE DOG. Any person, not being a disabled person an individual with a disability or being trained to assist disabled persons individuals with disabilities, who uses an assistance device, an assistance animal, or assistance a service dog in an attempt to gain treatment or benefits as a disabled person, an individual with a disability is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- SECTION 3. That Section 18-5812, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 18-5812. BATTERY TO DISABLED PERSONS AND ASSISTANCE <u>ANIMALS</u>, <u>SERVICE DOGS</u>, <u>AND DOGS-IN-TRAINING</u> -- PENALTIES. (1) Any person who:
 - (a) Permits any animal which that is owned, harbored, or controlled by him to cause injury to or the death of any assistance animal, service dog, or dog-in-training, is guilty of a misdemeanor.
 - (b) Intentionally causes injury to or the death of any assistance <u>animal</u>, <u>service</u> dog, or dog-in-training is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding one (1) year, or by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or by both.
- (2) In addition to any other criminal or civil penalties provided for violation of this section, any person convicted under this section, regardless of the form of judgment, shall be ordered to make full restitution to the owner or custodian of such dog for all veterinary bills, replacement, and other costs resulting from the injury or death of the dog.
- SECTION 4. That Section 18-5812A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 18-5812A. DISABLED PERSONS INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES MAY BE ACCOMPANIED BY ASSISTANCE SERVICE DOGS -- PENALTY FOR INTENTIONAL VIOLATION. (1) A disabled person An individual with a disability shall not be denied the use of any common carrier or public transportation facility or admittance to any hotel, motel, cafe, elevator, housing for sale or rent, or any other public place of public accommodation within the state of Idaho by reason of his being accompanied by an assistance a service dog. A disabled person An individual with a disability shall be entitled to have an assistance a service dog with him in such places and while using such facilities

without being required to pay any additional charges for his assistance service dog, but shall be liable for any damage caused by his assistance service dog.

(2) Any person, firm, association, or corporation or agent of any person, firm, association, or corporation intentionally violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION 5. That Section 18-5812B, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

18-5812B. PERSON MAY BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ASSISTANCE A SERVICE DOG-INTRAINING -- LIABILITY. (1) A person shall not be denied the use of any common carrier or public transportation facility or admittance to any hotel, motel, cafe, elevator, or any other public place of public accommodation within the state of Idaho by reason of being accompanied by a dog-in-training. Such dog-in-training shall be properly leashed so that the person may maintain control of the dog.

- (2) Access to public places for dogs-in-training may be temporarily denied if the dog is poorly groomed so as to create a health hazard or the person accompanying the dog cannot maintain control of the dog.
- (3) The person accompanying school or organization responsible for the dog-in-training shall be liable for any damages or injuries caused by the dog, and any third-party owner, lessor, or manager of the public property shall in no way suffer liability for damages or injuries caused by the dog-in-training. If the person accompanying a dog-in-training is a minor, the parents of the child shall be liable.
- $\underline{\text{(4)}}$ The dog-in-training shall be visually identified as a dog-in-training as provided in section 56-701A, Idaho Code.

SECTION 6. That Section 49-109, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 49-109. DEFINITIONS -- H. (1) "Habitual violator" means any person who has a driving record which that shows a violation point count of eighteen (18) or more points in any consecutive twenty-four (24) month period; or twenty-four (24) or more points in any consecutive thirty-six (36) month period.
- (2) "Hazardous material" means any material that has been designated as hazardous under 49 U.S.C. section 5103_{7} and is required to be placarded under subpart F of 49 CFR part 172_{7} or any quantity of material listed as a select agent or toxin under 42 CFR part 73.
- (3) "Hazardous waste" means a material that is subject to the hazardous waste manifest requirements of the EPA due to the type and quantity of the material, or which that would be subject to these requirements absent an interim authorization to the state under title 40, code of federal regulations or which that includes in whole or in part polychlorinated biphenyls which are regulated by title 40, code of federal regulations, part 761.
- (4) "Hearing aid dog." (See "Hearing impaired person," section 56-701A, Idaho Code)
- (5) "Highway" means the entire width between the boundary lines of every way publicly maintained when any part is open to the use of the public

for vehicular travel, with jurisdiction extending to the adjacent property line, including sidewalks, shoulders, berms and rights-of-way not intended for motorized traffic. The term "street" is interchangeable with highway.

- (a) Arterial. Any highway designated by the local authority as part of a major arterial system of highways within its jurisdiction.
- (b) Controlled-access. Any highway or roadway in respect to which owners or occupants of abutting lands and other persons have no legal right of access to or from the highway except at such points only or in such manner as may be determined by the public authority having jurisdiction over the highway.
- (c) Through. Any highway or portion of it on which vehicular traffic is given preferential right-of-way, and at the entrances to which vehicular traffic from intersecting highways is required by law to yield the right-of-way to vehicles on the through highway in obedience to a stop sign, yield sign, or other traffic-control device.
- SECTION 7. That Section 49-706, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 49-706. BLIND AND/OR HEARING IMPAIRED PEDESTRIAN WITH A DISABILITY HAS RIGHT-OF-WAY. The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to any blind pedestrian individual with a disability carrying a clearly visible white cane or accompanied by a guide dog or a hearing impaired person accompanied by a hearing aid service dog.
- SECTION 8. That the Heading for Chapter 7, Title 56, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 7

RIGHTS OF THE BLIND AND PERSONS INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

- SECTION 9. That Section 56-701, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 56-701. POLICY OF STATE. It is the policy of this state to encourage and enable the blind, the visually impaired, the hearing impaired, and the otherwise physically disabled individuals with disabilities to participate fully in the social and economic life of the state and to engage in remunerative employment.
- SECTION 10. That Section 56-701A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 56-701A. DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter and chapter 58, title 18, Idaho Code:
- (1) "Assistance device" means a cane or walking stick, predominantly white or metallic in color, with or without red tip, or a manual or motorized wheelchair or similar scooter, or other similar devices that enhance the safety or mobility of a disabled person.

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

- (3) "Disabled person" means a hearing, visually, mentally or physically impaired person.
- (4) "Dog-in-training" means a dog being specifically trained to develop social, environmental, and other skills needed for admission to a training school or other program for assistance dogs work with or to perform tasks for an individual with a disability. Dogs-in-training shall wear a jacket, collar, scarf, or other similar article identifying it as a dog-in-training.
- (5) "Guide dog" means a dog that has been specially trained to aid a particular blind or visually impaired person.
- (6) "Hearing dog" means a dog that has been specially trained to aid a particular hearing-impaired person.
- (7) "Hearing-impaired person" means a person who has a hearing impairment manifested by a speech discrimination score of forty percent (40%) or more in the better ear with appropriate correction as certified by a licensed otologist, licensed audiologist, or the Idaho division of vocational rehabilitation.
- (8) "Physically impaired person" means any person with any substantial physical disability that prevents normal participation in community or life activities as are available and participated in by persons with no such afflictions or conditions of the same age and sex.
- (3) "Individual with a disability" means an individual who has a disability as defined by the federal Americans with disabilities act, 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq., and its implementing regulations.
- (4) "Place of public accommodation" shall have the same meaning as provided in the federal Americans with disabilities act, 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq., and its implementing regulations.
- "Service dog" means a dog that has been specially trained to aid a particular physically or mentally disabled person with a disability other than sight or hearing impairment is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not service animals for purposes of this chapter. The work or tasks performed by the service dog must be directly related to the individual's disability. Examples of work or tasks include, but are not limited to, assisting individuals who are blind or have low vision with navigation and other tasks, alerting individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to the presence of people or sounds, providing nonviolent protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, assisting an individual during a seizure, alerting individuals to the presence of allergens, retrieving items such as medicine or the telephone, providing physical support and assistance with balance and stability to individuals with mobility disabilities, and helping persons with psychiatric and neurological disabilities by preventing or interrupting impulsive or destructive behaviors. The crime deterrent effects of an animal's presence and the provision of emotional support, well-being, comfort,

or companionship do not constitute work or tasks for the purposes of this chapter.

 (10) "Visually impaired person" means any person who is blind, totally blind, partially blind or otherwise visually impaired, meaning such person has central visual acuity not exceeding 20/200 in the better eye, with corrected lenses, as measured by the Snellen test, or visual acuity greater than 20/200, but with a limitation in the field of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle not greater than twenty (20) degrees.

SECTION 11. That Section 56-702, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

56-702. RIGHT TO FULL AND FREE USE OF STREETS, HIGHWAYS, PUBLIC BUILD-INGS AND PUBLIC FACILITIES. The blind, the visually impaired, the hearing impaired, and the otherwise physically disabled Individuals with disabilities have the same rights and privileges as the able-bodied general public to the full and free use of the streets, highways, sidewalks, walkways, public buildings, public facilities, and other public places of public accommodations.

SECTION 12. That Section 56-703, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

56-703. RIGHT TO FULL AND EQUAL ACCOMMODATIONS IN ALL COMMON CARRIERS, HOTELS, LODGING HOUSES, PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS OR OTHER PUBLIC PLACES. The blind, the visually impaired, the hearing impaired, and the otherwise physically disabled Individuals with disabilities are entitled to full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, and privileges of all common carriers, airplanes, motor vehicles, and railroad trains, motor buses, streetcars, boats, or any other public conveyances or modes of transportation, hotels, lodging places, places of public accommodations, amusement, or resort, and other places to which the general public is invited, subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable alike to all persons.

SECTION 13. That Section 56-704, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

56-704. RIGHT TO USE OF ASSISTANCE SERVICE DOG -- LIABILITY. Every disabled person An individual with a disability shall have the right to be accompanied by an assistance a service dog, in any of the places listed described in section 56-703, Idaho Code, without being required to pay an extra charge for the assistance service dog; provided that he the individual shall be liable for any damage done to the premises or facilities by his the service dog.

SECTION 14. That Chapter 7, Title 56, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a $\underline{\text{NEW SECTION}}$, to be known and designated as Section 56-704A, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

56-704A. RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH SERVICE DOGS. (1) General. A place of public accommodation shall modify its policies, practices, or procedures to permit the use of a service dog by an individual with a disability or an authorized handler.

- (2) Exceptions. A place of public accommodation may ask an individual with a disability to remove a service dog from the premises if:
 - (a) The service dog is out of control and the service dog's handler does not take effective action to control it; or
 - (b) The service dog is not housebroken.

- (3) If a service dog is excluded from a place of public accommodation pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, then the place of public accommodation shall give the individual with a disability the opportunity to participate in the service, program, or activity being offered without having the service dog on the premises.
- (4) A service dog shall be under the control of its handler. A service dog shall have a harness, leash, or other tether, unless the handler is unable because of a disability to use a harness, leash, or other tether, or the use of a harness, leash, or other tether would interfere with the service dog's safe, effective performance of work or a task, in which case the service dog must otherwise be under the handler's control through voice control or other effective means.
- (5) Inquiries. A place of public accommodation shall not ask about the nature or extent of a person's disability but may make two (2) inquiries to determine whether an animal qualifies as a service dog. A place of public accommodation may ask: if the service dog is required because of a disability; and what work or task the service dog has been trained to perform. A place of public accommodation shall not require documentation, such as proof that the service dog has been certified, trained, or licensed as a service dog. A place of public accommodation may not make inquiries about a service dog when it is readily apparent that the service dog is trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability, such as: the dog is observed guiding an individual who is blind or has low vision, pulling an individual's wheelchair, or providing assistance with stability or balance to an individual with an observable mobility disability.
- (6) Access. Individuals with disabilities shall be permitted to be accompanied by their service dog in all areas of a place of public accommodation including, but not limited to, a common carrier, hotel, lodging house, or place where members of the public, participants in services, programs or activities, or invitees, as relevant, are allowed to go.
- (7) Surcharges. A place of public accommodation, including, but not limited to, a common carrier, hotel, lodging house, or other public place, shall not ask or require an individual with a disability to pay a surcharge, even if people accompanied by pets are required to pay fees or to comply with other requirements generally not applicable to people without pets. If a place of public accommodation normally charges individuals for the damage they cause, an individual with a disability may be charged for damage caused by the individual's service dog.

SECTION 15. That Section 56-704A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

56-704AB. RIGHTS OF <u>PERSONS</u> <u>INDIVIDUALS</u> WITH DOGS-IN-TRAINING -- LIABILITY. (1) Every <u>person</u> individual with a disability who is <u>specially</u> <u>specifically</u> training or socializing a dog for the purpose of being an assistance a <u>service</u> dog shall have the right to be accompanied by the dog in any of the places <u>listed</u> <u>described</u> in section 56-703, Idaho Code, without being required to pay an extra charge for the dog if the accompaniment is part of the dog's training or socialization to become <u>an assistance</u> a service dog.

(2) Every individual who is not an individual with a disability but who is specifically training or socializing a dog for the purpose of being a service dog shall have the privilege to be accompanied by the dog in any of the places described in section 56-703, Idaho Code, without being required to pay an extra charge for the dog if the accompaniment is part of the dog's training or socialization to become a service dog. The person individual accompanying the dog-in-training shall carry and upon request display an identification card issued by a recognized school for assistance service dogs or training dogs or an organization which that serves disabled persons individuals with disabilities. The dog-in-training shall be visually identified as a dog-in-training as provided in section 56-701A, Idaho Code. The person school or organization as identified on the identification card shall be fully liable for any damages done to the premises or facilities by the dog, and no liability to other persons shall be attached to the owner, lessor, or manager of the property, arising out of activities permitted by this chapter.

SECTION 16. That Section 56-705, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

56-705. CIVIL LIABILITY FOR INTENTIONAL VIOLATION OF STATUTES PROTECTING DISABLED PERSONS. Civil action may be brought against any person intentionally violating the provisions of section 18-5811, 18-5811A, 18-5812 or 18-5812A, Idaho Code, with judgment awarded upon proof of the elements to a preponderance of the evidence. As a part of any such civil judgment, a successful plaintiff shall be awarded punitive damages in an amount equal to all other damages suffered by the plaintiff, but in no event less than five hundred dollars (\$500). The failure of a disabled person to use an assistance device or assistance a service dog shall not be held to constitute nor be evidence of contributory negligence in any civil action.

SECTION 17. That Section 56-706, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

56-706. INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS OR ACTIVITIES -- PENALTY. Any person or persons, firm or corporation, or the agent of any person or persons, firm or corporation, who denies or interferes with admittance to or enjoyment of the public facilities enumerated in this chapter or otherwise interferes with the rights of a totally or partially blind, hearing impaired, or otherwise disabled person an individual with a disability under this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION 18. That Section 56-707, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

56-707. RIGHT TO BE EMPLOYED IN EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY PUBLIC FUNDS -- RESTRICTION -- USE OF SICK LEAVE. (1) The blind, the visually impaired, the hearing impaired, and the otherwise disabled Individuals with disabilities shall be employed in the state service, the service of the political subdivisions of the state, in the public schools, and in all other employment supported in whole or in part by public funds on the same terms and conditions as the able-bodied individuals without disabilities, unless it is shown that the particular disability prevents the performance of the work involved.

(2) Persons employed as provided in subsection (1) of this section, may use accrued sick leave for the purpose of obtaining $\frac{\text{guide}}{\text{guide}}$ $\frac{\text{service}}{\text{dogs}}$ and necessary training.