

# SENATE BILL No. 299

April 28, 2015, Introduced by Senators O'BRIEN, JONES, BIEDA, HOOD, KNEZEK, HERTEL, BRANDENBURG, SCHUITMAKER, HOPGOOD, SCHMIDT, EMMONS, KNOLLENBERG, PROOS, ANANICH, NOFS, HORN, YOUNG, WARREN, HILDENBRAND, ZORN, ROCCA, MARLEAU, ROBERTSON, BOOHER and GREGORY and referred to the Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security.

A bill to amend 1970 PA 207, entitled "An act to exempt certain dogs from license fees," by amending the title and section 1 (MCL 287.291), the title as amended by 1981 PA 74 and section 1 as amended by 2000 PA 4.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

TITLE

An act to exempt certain ~~dogs~~ **SERVICE ANIMALS** from license fees.

Sec. 1. (1) Notwithstanding any law or ordinance to the contrary, a ~~dog~~ **SERVICE ANIMAL** is not subject to any fee for licensing if either of the following applies:

(a) The ~~dog~~ **SERVICE ANIMAL** is used as a ~~guide or leader dog for a blind person, a hearing dog for a deaf or audibly impaired person, or a service dog for~~ **BY** a physically limited person **WITH A DISABILITY**.

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1           (b) The ~~dog~~ **SERVICE ANIMAL** is owned by a partnership,  
 2 corporation, or other legal entity that trains ~~dogs~~ **SERVICE ANIMALS**  
 3 for use as ~~guide or leader dogs for blind persons, hearing dogs for~~  
 4 ~~deaf or audibly impaired persons, or service dogs for physically~~  
 5 ~~limited persons.~~ **BY A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY.**

6           (2) As used in this section:

7           ~~—— (a) "Audibly impaired" means audibly impaired as defined in~~  
 8 ~~section 1 of 1981 PA 82, MCL 752.61.~~

9           ~~—— (b) "Blind person" means a blind person as defined in section~~  
 10 ~~1 of 1978 PA 260, MCL 393.351.~~

11           ~~—— (c) "Deaf person" means a deaf person as defined in section 1~~  
 12 ~~of 1981 PA 82, MCL 752.61.~~

13           ~~—— (d) "Physically limited" means physically limited as defined~~  
 14 ~~in section 1 of 1966 PA 1, MCL 125.1351.~~

15           **(A) "PERSON WITH A DISABILITY" MEANS A PERSON WHO SATISFIES**  
 16 **ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

17           **(i) HAS A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL IMPAIRMENT THAT SUBSTANTIALLY**  
 18 **LIMITS 1 OR MORE MAJOR LIFE ACTIVITIES.**

19           **(ii) HAS A HISTORY OR RECORD OF AN IMPAIRMENT DESCRIBED IN**  
 20 **SUBPARAGRAPH (i).**

21           **(iii) IS PERCEIVED BY OTHER PERSONS AS HAVING AN IMPAIRMENT**  
 22 **DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (i).**

23           **(B) AS USED IN SUBDIVISION (A), "PERSON WITH A DISABILITY"**  
 24 **INCLUDES A VETERAN WHO HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH 1 OR MORE OF THE**  
 25 **FOLLOWING:**

26           **(i) POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER.**

27           **(ii) TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.**

1           (iii) OTHER SERVICE-RELATED DISABILITIES.

2           (C) "SERVICE ANIMAL" MEANS A DOG OR A MINIATURE HORSE THAT HAS  
3 BEEN INDIVIDUALLY TRAINED TO DO WORK OR PERFORM TASKS FOR THE  
4 BENEFIT OF A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY, INCLUDING A PHYSICAL,  
5 SENSORY, PSYCHIATRIC, INTELLECTUAL, OR OTHER MENTAL DISABILITY.