IDENTIFICATION AND PATCH FOR SERVICE ANIMAL
Act 146 of 2015

AN ACT to provide for the voluntary issuance of identification and patches for service animals; and to
provide for certain powers and duties of the department of civil rights.


The People of the State of Michigan enact:

37.301 Definitions.
Sec. 1. As used in this act:
(a) "Department" means the department of civil rights.
(b) "Person with a disability" means a person who has a disability as defined in section 12102 of the
(c) As used in subdivision (b), "person with a disability" includes a veteran who has been diagnosed with 1
or more of the following:
(i) Post-traumatic stress disorder.
(ii) Traumatic brain injury.
(iii) Other service-related disabilities.
(d) "Service animal" means all of the following:
(i) That term as defined in 28 CFR 36.104.
(ii) A miniature horse that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks as described in 28
CFR 36.104 for the benefit of a person with a disability.
(e) "Veteran" means any of the following:
(i) A person who performed military service in the armed forces for a period of more than 90 days and
separated from the armed forces in a manner other than a dishonorable discharge.
(ii) A person discharged or released from military service because of a service-related disability.
(iii) A member of a reserve branch of the armed forces at the time he or she was ordered to military service
during a period of war, or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge is authorized, and was
released from military service in a manner other than a dishonorable discharge.


37.303 Voluntary identification and patch for service animal; development and availability;
eligibility.
Sec. 3. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the department shall develop and make available upon request a
voluntary identification and patch for a service animal for a person with a disability.
(2) To be eligible to receive the voluntary identification and patch described in subsection (1), the person
seeking the materials shall provide all of the following:
(a) An affidavit signed by the person seeking the identification and patch attesting that the service animal
for which the identification and patch are being sought has been trained to be a service animal for use by a
person with a disability.
(b) Documentation from an appropriate health care or rehabilitation professional that the individual
requires the assistance of a service animal due to a disability.


37.305 Telephone complaint hotline; use by department to receive reports; referral to law
enforcement agency.
Sec. 5. The department shall use its existing telephone complaint hotline to receive reports of problems
encountered by a person with a disability using a service animal and to receive reports of a person
impersonating a person with a disability and using a service animal. The department may refer an alleged
violation of section 3(2)(a) to the appropriate law enforcement agency for investigation.


37.307 False or fraudulent affidavit as misdemeanor; penalty.
Sec. 7. A person who knowingly or willingly submits a false or fraudulent affidavit under section 3(2)(a) is
guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by 1 or more of the following:
(a) Imprisonment for not more than 90 days.
(b) A fine of not more than $500.00.
(c) Community service for not more than 30 days.