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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Service Animal Act**

3 FOR the purpose of reorganizing certain provisions of law relating to service dogs;
4 providing for certain types of identification that can be used to identify a service
5 animal or animal being trained as a service animal; requiring a certain service
6 animal trainer or organization to hold a certain certification by a certain entity;
7 authorizing individuals with a disability to train certain animals if the
8 individual is a certified service animal trainer; requiring a certain animal to
9 hold a certain certification by a certain entity; requiring a certified service
10 animal to undergo a certain annual recertification; requiring the Secretary of
11 Disabilities, in consultation with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security, to
12 implement a certain community awareness and training program that provides
13 annual training for certain individuals; authorizing the Secretary of Disabilities
14 to adopt regulations; authorizing the Police Training Commission to require
15 certain training on the application and enforcement of laws concerning
16 individuals with a disability accompanied by service animals; defining certain
17 terms; making conforming changes; and generally relating to individuals with a
18 disability and service animals.

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
20 Article 30 - Deaf, Mute or Blind
21 Section 33(d) and (g) through (i)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

24 BY repealing
25 Article 30 - Deaf, Mute and Blind
26 Section 33(f), (j), (k), and (l)
27 Annotated Code of Maryland
28 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

29 BY adding to
30 Article 30 - Deaf, Mute or Blind

1 Section 35
2 Annotated Code of Maryland
3 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

4 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
5 Article - Public Safety
6 Section 3-201(a), (b), and (f)
7 Annotated Code of Maryland
8 (2003 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Public Safety
11 Section 3-207
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2003 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article 30 - Deaf, Mute or Blind**

17 33.

18 (d) (1) The blind or the visually handicapped and the deaf or hearing
19 impaired are entitled to full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, and
20 privileges of all common carriers, airplanes, motor vehicles, railroad trains, motor
21 buses, streetcars, boats or other public conveyances or modes of transportation,
22 hotels, lodging places, places of public accommodations, amusement, or resort, or
23 other places to which the general public is invited, subject only to the conditions and
24 limitations established by law and applicable to all persons.

25 (2) [A blind or visually handicapped pedestrian using a service dog and
26 not carrying a cane predominantly white or metallic in color (with or without a red
27 tip); or a deaf or hearing impaired pedestrian using a service dog not wearing an
28 orange license tag or orange collar and on a leash; or a blind or visually handicapped
29 pedestrian or a deaf or hearing impaired pedestrian using a service dog in any of the
30 places, accommodations or conveyances listed in paragraph (1) of this subsection; or a
31 service dog trainer accompanied by a dog that is being trained as a service dog
32 displaying the identification required by subsection (1) of this section, has all the
33 rights and privileges conferred by law upon any other person.

34 (3)] The failure of a blind or visually handicapped pedestrian to carry a
35 cane predominantly white or metallic in color (with or without a red tip) [or a deaf or
36 hearing impaired pedestrian to use a service dog wearing an orange license tag,
37 orange collar and on a leash, or to use a service dog] in any of the places,
38 accommodations, or conveyances listed in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall not be
39 held to constitute contributory negligence per se.

1 [(f) Every blind or visually handicapped person or deaf or hearing impaired
2 person has the right to be accompanied by a service dog, especially trained for the
3 purpose, in any of the places listed in paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of this section,
4 without being required to pay an extra charge for the service dog; however, the person
5 is liable for any damage done to the premises or facilities by the service dog.]

6 [(g) (F) (1) Any person or persons, firm, or corporation, or the agent of any
7 person or persons, firm, or corporation, who denies or interferes with admittance to or
8 enjoyment of the public facilities enumerated in this section, or otherwise interferes
9 with the rights of a blind or visually handicapped person or a deaf or hearing
10 impaired person under this section, is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject upon
11 conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500 for each offense.

12 (2) In addition to any other remedy provided under this Code for a
13 violation of this article, any individual, firm, or corporation, or the agent of any
14 individual, firm, or corporation, who denies or interferes with admittance to or
15 enjoyment of the public facilities enumerated in this section, or otherwise interferes
16 with the rights of a blind or visually handicapped person or a deaf or hearing
17 impaired person under this section, may be subject to a civil action for injunctive
18 relief.

19 [(h) (G) Each year the Governor shall take suitable public notice of October
20 15 as White Cane Safety Day. He shall issue a proclamation in which he comments
21 upon the significance of the white cane; calls upon the citizens of the State to observe
22 the provisions of the White Cane Law and to take precautions necessary to the safety
23 of the visually handicapped; reminds citizens of the State of the policies with respect
24 to the blind and urges the citizens to cooperate in giving effect to them; emphasizes
25 the need of the citizens to be aware of the presence of visually handicapped persons in
26 the community and to keep safe and functional for the blind or visually handicapped
27 the streets, highways, sidewalks, walkways, public accommodations, public buildings,
28 public facilities, other public places, amusement and resort, and other places to which
29 the public is invited; and offers assistance to the blind or visually handicapped person
30 upon appropriate occasions.

31 [(i) (H) (1) Blind or visually handicapped persons shall be entitled to full
32 and equal access, as other members of the general public, to all housing
33 accommodations offered for rent, lease, or compensation in the State of Maryland,
34 subject to the conditions and limitations established by law, or State or federal
35 regulations, and applicable to all persons alike.

36 (2) "Housing accommodations" means any real property, or portion
37 thereof, which is used or occupied or is intended, arranged, or designed to be used or
38 occupied, as the home, residence, or sleeping place of one or more human beings, but
39 does not include any accommodations, included within paragraph (1) of this
40 subsection, or any single family residence, the occupants of which rent, lease, or
41 furnish for compensation not more than one room therein.

42 (3) Nothing in this section requires any person renting or leasing
43 housing accommodations to modify his property in any way or provide a higher degree

1 of care for a blind person or visually handicapped person, than for a person who is not
2 blind or visually handicapped.

3 [(4) Every blind or visually handicapped person or deaf or hearing
4 impaired person who has a service dog, or who obtains a service dog, or who may wish
5 to obtain a service dog, is entitled to full and equal access to all housing
6 accommodations provided for in this section. Blind or visually handicapped persons or
7 deaf or hearing impaired persons shall not be required to pay extra compensation for
8 service dogs, however the person may be liable for any damages done to the premises
9 or facilities by the service dog.]

10 [(j) (1) In this section, "mobility impaired person" means a person who is
11 unable to carry objects or to move or travel about without the use of an assistive
12 device or service dog.

13 (2) (i) A mobility impaired person may be accompanied by a service
14 dog especially trained for the purpose in any place where a blind or visually
15 handicapped or deaf or hearing impaired person has the right to be accompanied by a
16 service dog.

17 (ii) A mobility impaired person accompanied by a service dog as
18 described under this subsection may not be required to pay extra compensation for
19 the service dog, however the mobility impaired person may be liable for any damages
20 to the premises or facilities caused by the service dog.

21 (3) This section does not require any physical modification of any place
22 or vehicle in order to admit a mobility impaired person accompanied by a service dog.

23 (4) Any person who denies or interferes with the admittance of a service
24 dog accompanying a mobility impaired person is subject to the same penalties as
25 provided in subsection (g) of this section for the denial or interference with the
26 admittance of a service dog accompanying a blind or visually handicapped or deaf or
27 hearing impaired person.

28 (k) (1) In this subsection, "service dog trainer" means a person who trains
29 service dogs for blind or visually handicapped persons, deaf or hearing impaired
30 persons, or mobility impaired persons.

31 (2) (i) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, a service
32 dog trainer may be accompanied by a dog that is being trained as a service dog in any
33 place where a blind or visually handicapped, deaf or hearing impaired, or mobility
34 impaired person has the right to be accompanied by a service dog.

35 (ii) A service dog trainer accompanied by a dog that is being trained
36 as a service dog may not be required to pay extra compensation for the service dog;
37 however, the service dog trainer organization that certifies the service dog may be
38 liable for any personal injuries or damages to the premises or facilities caused by the
39 service dog.

1 (3) A dog being trained as a service dog accompanied by a service dog
2 trainer may be excluded from any of the places described in this section if the
3 admission of the dog would create a clear danger of a disturbance or physical harm to
4 a person in the establishment.

5 (4) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, any person who denies or
6 interferes with the admittance of a dog being trained as a service dog accompanied by
7 a service dog trainer is subject to a fine not to exceed \$25 for each offense.

8 (l) A blind or visually handicapped or deaf or hearing impaired or mobility
9 impaired person accompanied by a service dog or service dog trainer accompanied by
10 a dog that is being trained as a service dog shall display identification issued by a
11 service dog trainer organization which trains and certifies service dogs for the
12 disabled.]

13 35.

14 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
15 INDICATED.

16 (2) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES.

17 (3) "DISABILITY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN THE FEDERAL
18 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990.

19 (4) "HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN
20 § 33(H)(2) OF THIS ARTICLE.

21 (5) "INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN THE
22 FEDERAL AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990.

23 (6) "PLACE OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN
24 THE FEDERAL AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990.

25 (7) "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF DISABILITIES.

26 (8) (I) "SERVICE ANIMAL" MEANS A GUIDE DOG, SIGNAL DOG, OR
27 OTHER ANIMAL INDIVIDUALLY TRAINED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO AN
28 INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY.

29 (II) "SERVICE ANIMAL" INCLUDES AN ASSISTANCE ANIMAL.

30 (III) "SERVICE ANIMAL" DOES NOT INCLUDE A COMPANION ANIMAL,
31 A PET, A POLICE DOG, OR A THERAPY ANIMAL.

32 (9) "SERVICE ANIMAL TRAINER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO TRAINS
33 SERVICE ANIMALS.

34 (10) "SERVICE ANIMAL TRAINER ORGANIZATION" MEANS AN
35 ORGANIZATION THAT TRAINS AND CERTIFIES SERVICE ANIMALS.

1 (B) THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS SHALL HAVE ALL OF THE RIGHTS AND
2 PRIVILEGES CONFERRED BY LAW ON ANY OTHER PERSON:

3 (1) AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY USING A SERVICE ANIMAL AND
4 NOT CARRYING A CANE PREDOMINANTLY WHITE OR METALLIC IN COLOR, WITH OR
5 WITHOUT A RED TIP;

6 (2) AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY USING A SERVICE ANIMAL NOT
7 WEARING AN ORANGE LICENSE TAG OR ORANGE COLLAR AND ON A LEASH;

8 (3) AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY USING A SERVICE ANIMAL IN
9 ANY OF THE PLACES, ACCOMMODATIONS, OR CONVEYANCES DESCRIBED IN § 33(D)
10 OF THIS ARTICLE OR IN A PLACE OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION; OR

11 (4) A SERVICE ANIMAL TRAINER ACCOMPANIED BY AN ANIMAL THAT IS
12 BEING TRAINED AS A SERVICE ANIMAL, DISPLAYING THE IDENTIFICATION
13 REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (H) OF THIS SECTION.

14 (C) THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS MAY NOT BE HELD TO CONSTITUTE
15 CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE PER SE:

16 (1) THE FAILURE OF AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY TO USE A
17 SERVICE ANIMAL WEARING AN ORANGE LICENSE TAG OR ORANGE COLLAR AND ON A
18 LEASH; OR

19 (2) THE FAILURE OF AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY TO USE A
20 SERVICE ANIMAL IN ANY OF THE PLACES, ACCOMMODATIONS, OR CONVEYANCES
21 DESCRIBED IN § 33(D) OF THIS ARTICLE OR IN A PLACE OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION.

22 (D) (1) AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY HAS THE RIGHT TO BE
23 ACCOMPANIED BY A SERVICE ANIMAL IN ANY OF THE PLACES DESCRIBED IN § 33(D)
24 OF THIS ARTICLE OR IN A PLACE OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION WITHOUT BEING
25 REQUIRED TO PAY AN EXTRA CHARGE FOR THE SERVICE ANIMAL.

26 (2) (I) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE ANY PHYSICAL
27 MODIFICATION OF A PLACE OR VEHICLE IN ORDER TO ADMIT AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A
28 DISABILITY ACCOMPANIED BY A SERVICE ANIMAL.

29 (II) AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY ACCOMPANIED BY A
30 SERVICE ANIMAL MAY BE LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE SERVICE
31 ANIMAL.

32 (E) (1) A PERSON WHO INTERFERES WITH THE RIGHTS OF AN INDIVIDUAL
33 WITH A DISABILITY ACCOMPANIED BY A SERVICE ANIMAL UNDER THIS SECTION IS
34 GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT
35 EXCEEDING \$500 FOR EACH OFFENSE.

36 (2) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER REMEDY PROVIDED BY STATE LAW FOR
37 A VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE, A PERSON WHO INTERFERES WITH THE RIGHTS OF

1 AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY ACCOMPANIED BY A SERVICE ANIMAL UNDER
2 THIS SECTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO A CIVIL ACTION FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.

3 (F) (1) AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY WHO HAS A SERVICE ANIMAL,
4 OBTAINS A SERVICE ANIMAL, OR WISHES TO OBTAIN A SERVICE ANIMAL, IS
5 ENTITLED TO FULL AND EQUAL ACCESS TO ALL HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS
6 PROVIDED FOR IN § 33(H) OF THIS ARTICLE.

7 (2) (I) AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO
8 PAY EXTRA COMPENSATION FOR A SERVICE ANIMAL.

9 (II) AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY MAY BE LIABLE FOR ANY
10 DAMAGE TO THE PREMISES OR FACILITIES CAUSED BY A SERVICE ANIMAL.

11 (G) (1) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,
12 A SERVICE ANIMAL TRAINER MAY BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ANIMAL THAT IS BEING
13 TRAINED AS A SERVICE ANIMAL IN ANY PLACE WHERE AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A
14 DISABILITY HAS THE RIGHT TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A SERVICE ANIMAL.

15 (II) A SERVICE ANIMAL TRAINER ACCOMPANIED BY AN ANIMAL
16 THAT IS BEING TRAINED AS A SERVICE ANIMAL MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO PAY
17 EXTRA COMPENSATION FOR THE SERVICE ANIMAL.

18 (III) THE SERVICE ANIMAL TRAINER ORGANIZATION THAT
19 CERTIFIES THE SERVICE ANIMAL MAY BE LIABLE FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURIES OR
20 DAMAGE TO THE PREMISES OR FACILITIES CAUSED BY THE SERVICE ANIMAL.

21 (2) AN ANIMAL BEING TRAINED AS A SERVICE ANIMAL ACCOMPANIED
22 BY A SERVICE ANIMAL TRAINER MAY BE EXCLUDED FROM ANY OF THE PLACES
23 DESCRIBED IN § 33(D) OF THIS ARTICLE OR A PLACE OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION, IF
24 THE ADMISSION OF THE ANIMAL WOULD CREATE A CLEAR DANGER OF A
25 DISTURBANCE OR PHYSICAL HARM TO AN INDIVIDUAL IN THE ESTABLISHMENT.

26 (3) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A
27 PERSON WHO DENIES OR INTERFERES WITH THE ADMITTANCE OF AN ANIMAL BEING
28 TRAINED AS A SERVICE ANIMAL ACCOMPANIED BY A SERVICE ANIMAL TRAINER IS
29 SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$25 FOR EACH OFFENSE.

30 (H) AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY ACCOMPANIED BY A SERVICE ANIMAL
31 OR A SERVICE ANIMAL TRAINER ACCOMPANIED BY AN ANIMAL THAT IS BEING
32 TRAINED AS A SERVICE ANIMAL SHALL DISPLAY IDENTIFICATION ISSUED BY A
33 SERVICE ANIMAL TRAINER ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING:

34 (1) A CERTIFICATE CARRIED ON THE ANIMAL;

35 (2) A TAG ON THE COLLAR;

36 (3) PHOTO IDENTIFICATION OF THE ANIMAL AND THE OWNER
37 TOGETHER, CARRIED ON THE OWNER AND THE ANIMAL; OR

1 (4) A HARNESS, CAPE, OR OTHER IDENTIFYING ITEM THAT
2 DEMONSTRATES THAT THE ANIMAL IS A SERVICE ANIMAL OR A "PLEASE DO NOT PET,
3 I'M WORKING" SIGN.

4 (I) (1) A SERVICE ANIMAL TRAINER OR SERVICE ANIMAL TRAINER
5 ORGANIZATION SHALL HOLD A CURRENT CERTIFICATION AS A SERVICE ANIMAL
6 TRAINER OR SERVICE ANIMAL TRAINER ORGANIZATION BY ASSISTANCE DOG
7 INTERNATIONAL, OR ANY OTHER ENTITY DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY.

8 (2) AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY MAY TRAIN AN ANIMAL AS A
9 SERVICE ANIMAL IF THE INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY IS A CERTIFIED SERVICE
10 ANIMAL TRAINER, AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

11 (J) (1) A SERVICE ANIMAL SHALL HOLD A CURRENT CERTIFICATION AS A
12 SERVICE ANIMAL BY ASSISTANCE DOG INTERNATIONAL, OR ANY OTHER ENTITY
13 DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY.

14 (2) A CERTIFIED SERVICE ANIMAL SHALL UNDERGO AN ANNUAL
15 RECERTIFICATION BY A CERTIFIED SERVICE ANIMAL TRAINER OR A CERTIFIED
16 SERVICE ANIMAL TRAINER ORGANIZATION.

17 (K) THE SECRETARY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
18 HOMELAND SECURITY, SHALL IMPLEMENT A COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND
19 TRAINING PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES ANNUAL TRAINING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS,
20 EMERGENCY SHELTER OPERATORS, AND 911 OPERATORS ON LOCAL, STATE, AND
21 FEDERAL LAWS RELATING TO:

22 (1) SERVICE ANIMALS; AND

23 (2) ACCOMMODATIONS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY
24 ACCOMPANIED BY A SERVICE ANIMAL.

25 (L) THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

26 **Article - Public Safety**

27 3-201.

28 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

29 (b) "Commission" means the Police Training Commission.

30 (f) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional
31 Services.

32 3-207.

33 Subject to the authority of the Secretary, the Commission has the following
34 powers and duties:

1 (1) to establish standards for the approval and continuation of approval
2 of schools that conduct police entrance-level and in-service training courses required
3 by the Commission, including State, regional, county, and municipal training schools;

4 (2) to approve and issue certificates of approval to police training
5 schools;

6 (3) to inspect police training schools;

7 (4) to revoke, for cause, the approval or certificate of approval issued to a
8 police training school;

9 (5) to establish the following for police training schools:

10 (i) curriculum;

11 (ii) minimum courses of study;

12 (iii) attendance requirements;

13 (iv) eligibility requirements;

14 (v) equipment and facilities;

15 (vi) standards of operation; and

16 (vii) minimum qualifications for instructors;

17 (6) to require, for entrance-level police training and at least every 3
18 years for in-service level police training conducted by the State and each county and
19 municipal police training school, that the curriculum and minimum courses of study
20 include special training, attention to, and study of the application and enforcement of
21 the criminal laws concerning rape and sexual offenses, including:

22 (i) the sexual abuse of children;

23 (ii) related evidentiary procedures; and

24 (iii) the contact with and treatment of victims of these crimes;

25 (7) TO REQUIRE, FOR ENTRANCE-LEVEL POLICE TRAINING AND AT
26 LEAST EVERY 3 YEARS FOR IN-SERVICE LEVEL POLICE TRAINING CONDUCTED BY
27 THE STATE AND EACH COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL, THAT
28 THE CURRICULUM AND MINIMUM COURSES OF STUDY INCLUDE SPECIAL TRAINING,
29 ATTENTION TO, AND STUDY OF THE APPLICATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAWS
30 CONCERNING INDIVIDUALS WITH A DISABILITY ACCOMPANIED BY A SERVICE
31 ANIMAL.

32 [(7)] (8) to certify and issue appropriate certificates to qualified
33 instructors for police training schools authorized by the Commission to offer police
34 training programs;

1 [(8)] (9) to verify that police officers have satisfactorily completed
2 training programs and issue diplomas to those police officers;

3 [(9)] (10) to conduct and operate police training schools authorized by the
4 Commission to offer police training programs;

5 [(10)] (11) to make a continuous study of entrance-level and in-service
6 training methods and procedures;

7 [(11)] (12) to consult with and accept the cooperation of any recognized
8 federal, State, or municipal law enforcement agency or educational institution;

9 [(12)] (13) to consult and cooperate with universities, colleges, and
10 institutions in the State to develop specialized courses of study for police officers in
11 police science and police administration;

12 [(13)] (14) to consult and cooperate with other agencies and units of the
13 State concerned with police training; and

14 [(14)] (15) to perform any other act that is necessary or appropriate to
15 carry out the powers and duties of the Commission under this subtitle.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2006.