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BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 157

(Third Reading File Bill)

On page 3, in line 10, strike “AN INDIVIDUAL” and substitute “A RESIDENT OF THE STATE”.

On page 4, strike beginning with “REFER” in line 14 down through “TO” in line 15 and substitute “SELECT”; in line 16, after “ENTITIES” insert “TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM”; in the same line, after the semicolon insert “AND”; strike beginning with the semicolon in line 18 down through “PROGRAM” in line 21; in line 24, strike “MANAGE, SUPERVISE, AND”; and strike beginning with “AND” in line 25 down through “PROGRAM” in line 27.

On page 5, strike beginning with “PROMOTE” in line 1 down through “(III)” in line 5; in line 6, strike “(IV)” and substitute “(II)”; and strike beginning with “FROM” in line 13 down through “PROGRAM” in line 15.

On page 7, after line 2, insert:

“(2) FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$25,000 TO THE FUND.”;

in lines 3 and 5, strike “(2)” and “(3)”, respectively, and substitute “(3)” and “(4)”, respectively; and strike beginning with “this” in line 18 down through “2025” in line 19 and substitute “:

(a) This Act is contingent on the Department of Disabilities certifying that the Department has sufficient staff to administer the Maryland Disability Service Animal Program under Title 7, Subtitle 12 of the Human Services Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

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(b) On or before October 1, 2026, the Department of Disabilities shall notify the Department of Legislative Services whether the Department has certified that the Department has sufficient staff to administer the Maryland Disability Service Animal Program.

(c) (1) If the Department of Legislative Services receives notification that the Department of Disabilities has sufficient staff to administer the Maryland Disability Service Animal Program on or before October 1, 2026, this Act shall take effect on the date the notice is received by the Department of Legislative Services in accordance with subsection (b) of this section.

(2) If the Department of Legislative Services receives notice that the Department of Disabilities lacks sufficient staff to administer the Maryland Disability Service Animal Program on or before October 1, 2026, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be null and void”.