

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate House Comm: RCS 3/13/2008

The Committee on Community Affairs (Wise) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and subsection (8) of section 413.08, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

413.08 Rights of an individual with a disability; use of a service animal; discrimination in public employment or housing accommodations; penalties. --

- (1) As used in this section and s. 413.081, the term:
- "Individual with a disability" means a person who has (b) a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or

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more major life activities, has a record of such an impairment, or is regarded as having such an impairment is deaf, hard of hearing, blind, visually impaired, or otherwise physically disabled. As used in this paragraph, the term:

- 1. "Hard of hearing" means an individual who has suffered a permanent hearing impairment that is severe enough to necessitate the use of amplification devices to discriminate speech sounds in verbal communication.
- 2. "Physically disabled" means any person who has a physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.
- (8)(a) Any trainer of a service animal, while engaged in the training of such an animal, has the same rights and privileges with respect to access to public facilities and the same liability for damage as is provided for those persons described in subsection (3) accompanied by service animals.
- (b) Any individual, including any volunteer, who raises a puppy for the purpose of future training as a service animal has the same rights and privileges with respect to access to public facilities and the same liability for damage as is provided for those persons accompanied by service animals as described in subsection (3) if:
- 1. Such animal is held on a leash or is otherwise restrained and remains under the control of the individual training or raising such animal;
- 2. The individual training or raising such animal has on his or her person, and available for inspection, credentials



from the service dog training program for which the animal is being raised; and

- 3. Such animal is wearing a collar, leash, or other appropriate apparel or device identifying that animal with the service dog training program for which it is being raised.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

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======= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========= And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to service animals; amending s. 413.08, F.S.; redefining the term "individual with a disability"; providing that any person, including any volunteer, who is raising a puppy for the purpose of future training as a service animal has the same rights and privileges with respect to access to public facilities and the same liability for damage as is provided for persons accompanied by service animals if certain conditions are met; providing an effective date.