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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to dog guides and service dogs;
amending s. 413.08, F.S.; prohibiting a person
from interfering with a person who is engaged
in training a dog guide or service dog;
providing penalties; providing an effective
date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 413.08, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

413.08 Rights of physically disabled persons; use of
dog guides or service dogs or nonhuman primates of the genus
Cebus; discrimination in public employment or housing
accommodations; penalties.--

(2) Any person, firm, or corporation, or the agent of
any person, firm, or corporation, who denies or interferes
with admittance to, or enjoyment of, the public facilities
enumerated in subsection (1) or otherwise interferes with the
rights of a deaf person, hard of hearing person, a totally or
partially blind person, or an otherwise physically disabled
person under this section, or the trainer of a dog guide or
service dog while engaged in the training of such dog pursuant
to subsection (7), is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second
degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

SENATE SUMMARY

Prohibits interference with a person who is training a
dog guide or service dog and provides penalties.