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***Raised Bill No. 6318***

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Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:  
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICE ANIMALS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 5-247b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

3 For purposes of this section, (1) "disability" has the same meaning as  
4 provided in 28 CFR 35.108, as amended from time to time, and (2)  
5 "service animal" has the same meaning as provided in 28 CFR 35.104, as  
6 amended from time to time, and includes a service animal in training.  
7 Each appointing authority shall grant to each full-time employee in a  
8 permanent position in the state [service or full-time employee of a] or  
9 quasi-public agency who [(1) is blind or physically disabled, and (2)] (A)  
10 has a disability, and (B) has been employed for at least twelve  
11 consecutive months, the use of accumulated paid sick leave, not to  
12 exceed [fifteen] twenty days, to participate in training conducted by [a  
13 guide dog organization or assistance dog organization] an organization  
14 that trains service animals, provided such organization is a member of  
15 a professional association of [guide dog or assistance dog] service  
16 animal schools, to prepare the employee to handle a [guide dog or

17 assistance dog] service animal for the employee's own use. The  
18 appointing authority may require up to seven days' advance notice of  
19 an employee's intention to use such leave and may require the employee  
20 to provide reasonable documentation that such leave is being taken for  
21 the purpose permitted under this section.

22 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) For purposes of this section, (1)  
23 "disability" has the same meaning as provided in 28 CFR 35.108, as  
24 amended from time to time, and (2) "service animal" has the same  
25 meaning as provided in 28 CFR 35.104, as amended from time to time,  
26 and includes a service animal in training. Each chief elected official or  
27 chief executive officer of a municipality shall grant to each full-time  
28 employee in a permanent position who (A) has a disability, and (B) has  
29 been employed for at least twelve consecutive months, the use of  
30 accumulated paid sick leave, not to exceed twenty days, to participate  
31 in training conducted by an organization that trains service animals,  
32 provided such organization is a member of a professional association of  
33 service animal schools, to prepare the employee to handle a service  
34 animal for the employee's own use. The chief elected official or chief  
35 executive officer may require up to seven days' advance notice of an  
36 employee's intention to use such leave and may require the employee to  
37 provide reasonable documentation that such leave is being taken for the  
38 purpose permitted under this section.

39 Sec. 3. Subsection (f) of section 13b-119 of the general statutes is  
40 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
41 *2021*):

42 (f) A transportation network company driver shall: (1) Comply with  
43 all applicable laws regarding nondiscrimination against transportation  
44 network company riders or potential transportation network company  
45 riders on the basis of age, color, creed, destination, intellectual or  
46 physical disability, national origin, race, sex, sexual orientation or  
47 gender identity; (2) comply with all applicable laws relating to the  
48 accommodation of service animals and accommodate service animals  
49 without imposing additional charges for such accommodation; (3)

50 comply with the policies adopted by the transportation network  
51 company pursuant to subsection (c) of section 13b-118 and subsections  
52 (d) and (e) of this section; (4) not impose additional charges for  
53 providing prearranged rides to persons with physical disabilities  
54 because of such disabilities; and (5) not solicit or accept a request for  
55 transportation unless the request is accepted through the transportation  
56 network company's digital network. For purposes of this subsection,  
57 "service animal" has the same meaning as provided in 28 CFR 35.104, as  
58 amended from time to time, and includes a service animal in training.

59 Sec. 4. Section 14-300 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
60 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

61 (a) For purposes of this section and section 14-300i, "service animal"  
62 has the same meaning as provided in 28 CFR 35.104, as amended from  
63 time to time, and includes a service animal in training. The traffic  
64 authority shall have power to designate, by appropriate official traffic  
65 control devices, as defined in section 14-297, or markers, or by lines  
66 upon the surface of the highway, such crosswalks and intersections as,  
67 in its opinion, constitute a danger to pedestrians crossing the highway  
68 including, but not limited to, specially marked crosswalks in the vicinity  
69 of schools, which crosswalks shall have distinctive markings, in  
70 accordance with the regulations of the Office of the State Traffic  
71 Administration, to denote use of such crosswalks by school children;  
72 and may maintain suitable signs located at intervals along highways,  
73 particularly where there are no sidewalks, directing pedestrians to walk  
74 facing vehicular traffic.

75 (b) At any intersection where special pedestrian-control signals  
76 bearing the words "Walk" or "Don't Walk" are placed, pedestrians may  
77 cross the highway only as indicated by the signal. At any intersection  
78 where traffic is controlled by other traffic control signals or by police  
79 officers, pedestrians shall not cross the highway against a red or "Stop"  
80 signal and shall not cross at any place not a marked or unmarked  
81 crosswalk. A pedestrian started or starting across the highway on a  
82 "Walk" signal or on any such crosswalk on a green or "Go" signal shall

83 have the right-of-way over all vehicles, including those making turns,  
84 until such pedestrian has reached the opposite curb or safety zone.

85 (c) Except as provided in subsection (c) of section 14-300c, at any  
86 crosswalk marked as provided in subsection (a) of this section or any  
87 unmarked crosswalk, provided such crosswalks are not controlled by  
88 police officers or traffic control signals, each operator of a vehicle shall  
89 grant the right-of-way, and slow or stop such vehicle if necessary to so  
90 grant the right-of-way, to any pedestrian crossing the roadway within  
91 such crosswalk, provided such pedestrian steps off the curb or into the  
92 crosswalk at the entrance to a crosswalk or is within that half of the  
93 roadway upon which such operator of a vehicle is traveling, or such  
94 pedestrian steps off the curb or into the crosswalk at the entrance to a  
95 crosswalk or is crossing the roadway within such crosswalk from that  
96 half of the roadway upon which such operator is not traveling. No  
97 operator of a vehicle approaching from the rear shall overtake and pass  
98 any vehicle, the operator of which has stopped at any crosswalk marked  
99 as provided in subsection (a) of this section or any unmarked crosswalk  
100 to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway. The operator of any vehicle  
101 crossing a sidewalk shall yield the right-of-way to each pedestrian and  
102 all other traffic upon such sidewalk.

103 (d) The operator of a motor vehicle who approaches or comes into the  
104 immediate vicinity of a pedestrian who is blind, as defined in subsection  
105 (a) of section 1-1f, carrying a white cane or a white cane tipped with red,  
106 or a pedestrian being guided by a [guide dog] service animal, shall  
107 reduce speed or stop, if necessary, to yield the right-of-way to such  
108 pedestrian. No person, except one who is blind, shall carry or use on any  
109 street or highway, or in any other public place, a cane or walking stick  
110 which is white in color or white, tipped with red.

111 (e) Any crosswalk designated by a traffic authority on or after  
112 October 1, 2010, pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be  
113 required by such authority to have markings, signage, or any control  
114 signals deemed necessary by such authority to provide sufficient time  
115 for the safe crossing of pedestrians.

116 (f) The operator of any motor vehicle who violates this section shall  
117 be fined not more than five hundred dollars.

118 (g) In any civil action arising under subsection (c) or (d) of this section  
119 or sections 14-300b to 14-300d, inclusive, the doctrine of negligence per  
120 se shall not apply.

121 Sec. 5. Section 22-345 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
122 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

123 For purposes of this section and sections 22-357, 22-358 and 22-364b,  
124 as amended by this act, (1) "disability" has the same meaning as  
125 provided in 28 CFR 35.108, as amended from time to time, and (2)  
126 "service animal" has the same meaning as provided in 28 CFR 35.104, as  
127 amended from time to time, and includes a service animal in training.  
128 Any [blind, deaf or mobility impaired] person with a disability who is  
129 the owner or keeper of a dog [which has been trained and educated to  
130 guide and assist such person in traveling upon the public streets or  
131 highways or otherwise] that has been trained as a service animal shall  
132 receive a license and tag for such dog from the town clerk of the town  
133 where such dog is owned or kept. Such license and tag shall be issued  
134 in accordance with the provisions of section 22-340, and no fee shall be  
135 required of the owner or keeper of any such dog. When any such dog  
136 has not been previously licensed by the town clerk to whom application  
137 is being made, and it is not obvious that the dog is a service animal, such  
138 town clerk [shall not license such dog or issue to the owner a license and  
139 tag unless written evidence is exhibited to such clerk that the dog is  
140 trained and educated and intended in fact to perform such guide service  
141 for such applicant] may inquire, in accordance with the Americans With  
142 Disabilities Act, as amended from time to time, of such owner or keeper  
143 whether the dog is a service animal required because of a disability and  
144 what work or task the dog has been trained to perform. Any person who  
145 has a dog placed with such person temporarily, including for breeding  
146 purposes, by a nonprofit organization established for the purpose of  
147 training or educating [guide dogs to so assist blind, deaf or mobility  
148 impaired persons] the dog as a service animal shall receive a license and

149 tag for such dog from the town clerk of the town where such dog is kept.  
150 Such license and tag shall be issued in accordance with the provisions  
151 of section 22-340, and no fee shall be required for such license and tag,  
152 provided such person presents written evidence that such dog was  
153 placed with such person by such organization. [As used in this section  
154 and section 46a-44, "deaf person" means a person who cannot readily  
155 understand spoken language through hearing alone and who may also  
156 have a speech defect which renders such person's speech unintelligible  
157 to most people with normal hearing.]

158 Sec. 6. Subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 22-357 of the general  
159 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
160 (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

161 (3) "The amount of such damage", with respect to a companion  
162 animal, includes expenses of veterinary care, the fair monetary value of  
163 the companion animal, including all training expenses for a [guide dog]  
164 service animal owned by a [blind person or an assistance dog owned by  
165 a deaf or mobility impaired person] person with a disability and burial  
166 expenses for the companion animal.

167 Sec. 7. Subsection (c) of section 22-358 of the general statutes is  
168 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
169 *2021*):

170 (c) The commissioner, the Chief Animal Control Officer, any animal  
171 control officer, any municipal animal control officer or any regional  
172 animal control officer may make any order concerning the restraint or  
173 disposal of any biting dog, cat or other animal as the commissioner or  
174 such officer deems necessary. Notice of any such order shall be given to  
175 the person bitten by such dog, cat or other animal within twenty-four  
176 hours. The owner of such animal shall pay all fees as set forth in section  
177 22-333. Any owner or keeper of such dog, cat or other animal who fails  
178 to comply with such order shall be guilty of a class D misdemeanor. If  
179 an owner or keeper fails to comply with a restraining order made  
180 pursuant to this subsection, the Chief Animal Control Officer, any

181 animal control officer, any municipal animal control officer or any  
182 regional animal control officer may seize the dog, cat or other animal to  
183 ensure such compliance and the owner or keeper shall be responsible  
184 for any expenses resulting from such seizure. Any person aggrieved by  
185 an order of any municipal animal control officer, the Chief Animal  
186 Control Officer, any animal control officer or any regional animal  
187 control officer may request a hearing before the commissioner within  
188 fourteen days of the issuance of such order. Any order issued pursuant  
189 to this section that requires the restraint of an animal shall be effective  
190 upon its issuance and shall remain in effect during any appeal of such  
191 order to the commissioner. After such hearing, the commissioner may  
192 affirm, modify or revoke such order as the commissioner deems proper.  
193 Any dog owned by a police agency of the state or any of its political  
194 subdivisions is exempt from the provisions of this subsection when such  
195 dog is under the direct supervision, care and control of an assigned  
196 police officer, is currently vaccinated and is subject to routine veterinary  
197 care. Any [guide dog] service animal owned or in the custody and  
198 control of a [blind person or a person with a mobility impairment]  
199 person with a disability is exempt from the provisions of this subsection  
200 when such [guide dog] service animal is under the direct supervision,  
201 care and control of such person, is currently vaccinated and is subject to  
202 routine veterinary care.

203 Sec. 8. Section 22-364b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
204 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

205 The owner or keeper of a dog shall restrain and control such dog on  
206 a leash when such dog is not on the property of its owner or keeper and  
207 is in proximity to a [blind, deaf or mobility impaired] person with a  
208 disability accompanied by his [guide dog] or her service animal,  
209 provided the [guide dog] service animal is in the direct custody of such  
210 [blind, deaf or mobility impaired person, is wearing a harness or an  
211 orange-colored leash and collar which makes it readily-identifiable as a  
212 guide dog] person, is wearing a harness or a vest readily identifying the  
213 animal as a service animal and is licensed in accordance with section 22-  
214 345, as amended by this act. Any person who violates the provisions of

215 this section shall have committed an infraction. If an owner or keeper of  
216 a dog violates the provisions of this section and, as a result of such  
217 violation, such dog attacks and injures the [guide dog] service animal,  
218 such owner or keeper shall be liable, as provided in section 22-357, as  
219 amended by this act, for any damage done to such [guide dog] service  
220 animal, and such liability shall include liability for any costs incurred by  
221 such [blind, deaf or mobility-impaired] person with a disability for the  
222 veterinary care, rehabilitation or replacement of the injured [guide dog]  
223 service animal and for reasonable attorney's fees.

224 Sec. 9. Section 46a-44 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
225 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

226 (a) For purposes of this section and section 46a-64, as amended by  
227 this act, (1) "disability" has the same meaning as provided in 28 CFR  
228 35.108, as amended from time to time, (2) "service animal" has the same  
229 meaning as provided in 28 CFR 35.104, as amended from time to time,  
230 and includes a service animal in training, and (3) "person training an  
231 animal as a service animal" means a person who (A) (i) is employed by  
232 an organization that trains service animals and complies with the  
233 criteria for membership in a professional association of schools that train  
234 service animals, (ii) is authorized to engage in designated training  
235 activities, and (iii) carries photographic identification indicating such  
236 employment and authorization, or (B) volunteers for an organization  
237 that (i) trains service animals, and (ii) authorizes volunteers to raise  
238 animals to become service animals.

239 [(a)] (b) Any [blind, deaf or mobility impaired] person with a  
240 disability or any person training [a dog as a guide dog for a blind person  
241 or an assistance dog to assist a deaf or mobility impaired person] an  
242 animal as a service animal to assist a person with a disability may travel  
243 on a train or on any other mode of public transportation, and may enter  
244 any other place of public accommodation which caters or offers its  
245 services or facilities or goods to the general public, including but not  
246 limited to, any public building, inn, restaurant, hotel, motel, tourist  
247 cabin, place of amusement, resort or any facility of any such public



248 accommodation, accompanied by such person's [guide dog or assistance  
249 dog] service animal, and such person may keep such [dog] service  
250 animal with him or her at all times in any such public accommodation  
251 or facility thereof at no extra charge, provided such [dog] service animal  
252 shall be in the direct custody and control of such person. [and shall be  
253 wearing a harness or an orange-colored leash and collar.]

254 [(b)] (c) Any [blind, deaf or mobility impaired] person with a  
255 disability or any person training [a dog as a guide dog for a blind person  
256 or an assistance dog to assist a deaf or mobility impaired person] an  
257 animal as a service animal for a person with a disability shall be entitled  
258 to visit any place of public accommodation, resort or amusement or a  
259 dwelling as a guest of a lawful occupant thereof, accompanied by such  
260 person's [guide dog or assistance dog] service animal, and such person  
261 may keep such [dog] service animal with him or her at all times in such  
262 public accommodation, resort, amusement or dwelling at no extra  
263 charge, provided such [dog] service animal shall be in the direct custody  
264 and control of such person. [and shall be wearing a harness or an  
265 orange-colored leash and collar.] No such [blind, deaf or mobility  
266 impaired] person with a disability or person training [a dog as a guide  
267 dog or an assistance dog] an animal as a service animal shall be charged  
268 any fee not applicable alike to all guests, provided the owner of such  
269 [dog] service animal shall be liable for any damage done to the premises  
270 or facilities by such [dog] service animal. For the purposes of this  
271 subsection, (1) a "place of public accommodation, resort or amusement"  
272 means any establishment which caters or offers its services or facilities  
273 or goods to the general public, including, but not limited to, any  
274 commercial building lot, on which it is intended that a commercial  
275 property or building will be constructed or offered for sale or rent, and  
276 (2) "dwelling" means any building, structure, mobile manufactured  
277 home park or portion thereof which is occupied as, or designed or  
278 intended for occupancy as, a residence by one or more families, and any  
279 vacant land which is offered for sale or lease for the construction or  
280 location thereon of any such building, structure, mobile manufactured  
281 home park or portion thereof, provided the provisions of this subsection

282 shall not apply to (A) the rental of a room or rooms in a single-family  
283 dwelling unit, if the owner actually maintains and occupies part of such  
284 living quarters as the owner's residence or (B) a unit in a dwelling  
285 containing living quarters occupied or intended to be occupied by no  
286 more than two families living independently of each other, if the owner  
287 actually maintains and occupies the other such living quarters as the  
288 owner's residence.

289       [(c)] (d) Any person who intentionally interferes with [a blind, deaf  
290 or mobility impaired person's use of a guide dog or an assistance dog]  
291 the use of a service animal by a person with a disability, including, but  
292 not limited to, any action intended to harass or annoy the [blind, deaf or  
293 mobility impaired] person, the person training [a dog as a guide dog or  
294 assistance dog or the guide dog or assistance dog] an animal as a service  
295 animal, or who denies the rights afforded to a [blind, deaf or mobility  
296 impaired] person with a disability or person training [a dog as a guide  
297 dog or an assistance dog] an animal as a service animal under subsection  
298 [(a)] (b) or [(b)] (c) of this section shall be guilty of a class C  
299 misdemeanor, provided such [blind, deaf or mobility impaired] person  
300 with a disability or person training [a dog as a guide dog or an assistance  
301 dog] an animal as a service animal complies with the applicable  
302 provisions of subsection [(a)] (b) or [(b)] (c) of this section.

303       [(d) For the purposes of this section, "guide dog" or "assistance dog"  
304 includes a dog being trained as a guide dog or assistance dog and  
305 "person training a dog as a guide dog for a blind person or an assistance  
306 dog to assist a deaf or mobility impaired person" means a person who  
307 is employed by and authorized to engage in designated training  
308 activities by a guide dog organization or assistance dog organization  
309 that complies with the criteria for membership in a professional  
310 association of guide dog or assistance dog schools and who carries  
311 photographic identification indicating such employment and  
312 authorization, or a person who volunteers for a guide dog organization  
313 or assistance dog organization that authorizes such volunteers to raise  
314 dogs to become guide dogs or assistance dogs and causes the  
315 identification of such dog with (1) identification tags, (2) ear tattoos, (3)

316 identifying bandanas on puppies, (4) identifying coats on adult dogs, or  
317 (5) leashes and collars.]

318 Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 46a-64 of the general statutes is  
319 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
320 *2021*):

321 (a) It shall be a discriminatory practice in violation of this section: (1)  
322 To deny any person within the jurisdiction of this state full and equal  
323 accommodations in any place of public accommodation, resort or  
324 amusement because of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex,  
325 gender identity or expression, marital status, age, lawful source of  
326 income, intellectual disability, mental disability, physical disability,  
327 including, but not limited to, blindness or deafness, or status as a  
328 veteran, of the applicant, subject only to the conditions and limitations  
329 established by law and applicable alike to all persons; (2) to  
330 discriminate, segregate or separate on account of race, creed, color,  
331 national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, marital  
332 status, age, lawful source of income, intellectual disability, mental  
333 disability, learning disability, physical disability, including, but not  
334 limited to, blindness or deafness, or status as a veteran; (3) for a place of  
335 public accommodation, resort or amusement to restrict or limit the right  
336 of a mother to breast-feed her child; (4) for a place of public  
337 accommodation, resort or amusement to [fail or refuse to post a notice,  
338 in a conspicuous place, that any blind, deaf or mobility impaired person,  
339 accompanied by his guide dog wearing a harness or an orange-colored  
340 leash and collar, may enter such premises or facilities] refuse entry to a  
341 person with a disability who is accompanied by a service animal; or (5)  
342 to deny any [blind, deaf or mobility impaired] person with a disability  
343 or any person training [a dog as a guide dog for a blind person or a dog  
344 to assist a deaf or mobility impaired] an animal as a service animal to  
345 assist a person with a disability, accompanied by his [guide dog or  
346 assistance dog] or her service animal, full and equal access to any place  
347 of public accommodation, resort or amusement. Any [blind, deaf or  
348 mobility impaired] person with a disability or any person training [a  
349 dog as a guide dog for a blind person or a dog to assist a deaf or mobility

350 impaired person] an animal as a service animal may keep his [guide dog  
351 or assistance dog with him] or her service animal at all times in such  
352 place of public accommodation, resort or amusement at no extra charge,  
353 provided [the dog wears a harness or an orange-colored leash and collar  
354 and] such service animal is in the direct custody and control of such  
355 person. [The blind, deaf or mobility impaired person or person training  
356 a dog as a guide dog for a blind person or a dog to assist a deaf or  
357 mobility impaired person] Such person or any person training an animal  
358 as a service animal to assist a person with a disability shall be liable for  
359 any damage done to the premises or facilities by his [dog] or her service  
360 animal. [For purposes of this subdivision, "guide dog" or "assistance  
361 dog" includes a dog being trained as a guide dog or assistance dog and  
362 "person training a dog as a guide dog for a blind person or a dog to assist  
363 a deaf or mobility impaired person" means a person who is employed  
364 by and authorized to engage in designated training activities by a guide  
365 dog organization or assistance dog organization that complies with the  
366 criteria for membership in a professional association of guide dog or  
367 assistance dog schools and who carries photographic identification  
368 indicating such employment and authorization.]

369 Sec. 11. Section 52-175a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
370 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

371 The failure of a blind person to use a [guide dog] service animal or to  
372 carry a cane or walking stick which is predominantly white or metallic  
373 in color, with or without red tip, shall not be construed as evidence of  
374 comparative or contributory negligence in any negligence action. For  
375 purposes of this section, "service animal" has the same meaning as  
376 provided in 28 CFR 35.104, as amended from time to time, and includes  
377 a service animal in training.

378 Sec. 12. Section 54-201 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
379 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

380 As used in sections 54-201 to 54-235, inclusive:

381 (1) "Victim" means a person who is injured or killed as provided in

382 section 54-209;

383 (2) "Personal injury" means (A) actual bodily harm or emotional harm  
384 and includes pregnancy and any condition thereof, or (B) injury or death  
385 to a service animal, as defined in 28 CFR 35.104, as amended from time  
386 to time, owned or kept by a person with a disability;

387 (3) "Dependent" means any relative of a deceased victim or a person  
388 designated by a deceased victim in accordance with section 1-56r who  
389 was wholly or partially dependent upon his income at the time of his  
390 death or the child of a deceased victim and shall include the child of  
391 such victim born after his death;

392 (4) "Relative" means a person's spouse, parent, grandparent,  
393 stepparent, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, child, including a natural born  
394 child, stepchild and adopted child, grandchild, brother, sister, half  
395 brother or half sister or a parent of a person's spouse;

396 (5) "Crime" means any act which is a felony, as defined in section 53a-  
397 25, or misdemeanor, as defined in section 53a-26, and includes any crime  
398 committed by a juvenile; and

399 (6) "Emotional harm" means a mental or emotional impairment that  
400 requires treatment through services and that is directly attributable to a  
401 threat of (A) physical injury, as defined in subdivision (3) of section 53a-  
402 3, or (B) death to the affected person.

403 Sec. 13. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) The Commission on Human  
404 Rights and Opportunities, within available appropriations, shall make  
405 available on its Internet web site links to educational materials on (1) the  
406 differences between service animals, emotional support animals and  
407 therapy animals, (2) the rights and responsibilities of an owner of each  
408 such animal under state and federal law, and (3) permissible methods  
409 under state and federal law for an owner of a place of public  
410 accommodation, resort or amusement, as defined in section 46a-63 of  
411 the general statutes, or a landlord to determine whether an animal is a  
412 service animal, emotional support animal or therapy animal. For

413 purposes of this section, "service animal" has the same meaning as  
 414 provided in 28 CFR 35.104, as amended from time to time, and includes  
 415 a service animal in training.

416 Sec. 14. Section 46a-42 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective July*  
 417 *1, 2021*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	5-247b
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	13b-119(f)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	14-300
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	22-345
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	22-357(a)(3)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	22-358(c)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	22-364b
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	46a-44
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	46a-64(a)
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	52-175a
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	54-201
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 202</i>	Repealer section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To align state law with federal law concerning service animals and raise public awareness regarding rights and responsibilities of owners of service, emotional support and therapy animals.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*