



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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LCO No. 3838



Offered by:  
REP. NOLAN, 39<sup>th</sup> Dist.

To: Subst. House Bill No. 5288

File No. 190

Cal. No. 157

**"AN ACT ALIGNING STATE LAW WITH FEDERAL LAW  
CONCERNING SERVICE ANIMALS."**

1 Strike section 8 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu  
2 thereof:

3 "Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 22-357 of the general statutes is  
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
5 *2024*):

6 (a) As used in this section:

7 (1) "Law enforcement officer" means: Each officer, employee or other  
8 person otherwise paid by or acting as an agent of (A) the Division of  
9 State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public  
10 Protection; (B) the Office of the State Capitol Police; (C) a municipal  
11 police department; and (D) the Department of Correction;

12 (2) "Property" includes, but is not limited to, a companion animal, as  
13 defined in section 22-351a; [and]

14 (3) "The amount of such damage", with respect to a companion  
15 animal, includes expenses of veterinary care, the fair monetary value of  
16 the companion animal, including all training expenses for a [guide dog]  
17 service animal owned by a [blind person or an assistance dog owned by  
18 a deaf or mobility impaired] person with a disability and burial  
19 expenses for the companion animal;

20 (4) "Service animal" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-  
21 345, as amended by this act; and

22 (5) "Disability" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-345,  
23 as amended by this act."

24 In line 198, strike "has the same meaning" and insert in lieu thereof  
25 "and "disability" have the same meanings"

26 In line 217, strike ""service animal" has" and insert in lieu thereof  
27 ""disability" and "service animal" have"

28 In line 218, strike "meaning" and insert in lieu thereof "meanings"

29 In line 367, strike ""service animal" has the same meaning" and insert  
30 in lieu thereof ""disability" and "service animal" have the same  
31 meanings"

32 Strike section 14 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu  
33 thereof:

34 "Sec. 14. Section 54-201 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
35 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

36 As used in sections 54-201 to 54-235, inclusive, as amended by this  
37 act:

38 (1) "Victim" means a person who is injured or killed as provided in  
39 section 54-209;

40 (2) "Personal injury" means (A) actual bodily harm or emotional harm  
41 and includes pregnancy and any condition thereof, or (B) injury or death

42 to a service animal, as defined in 28 CFR 35.104, as amended from time  
43 to time, owned or kept by a person with a disability;

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

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

53 (5) "Crime" means any act which is a felony, as defined in section 53a-  
54 25, or misdemeanor, as defined in section 53a-26, and includes any crime  
55 committed by a juvenile; [and]

56 (6) "Emotional harm" means a mental or emotional impairment that  
57 requires treatment through services and that is directly attributable to a  
58 threat of (A) physical injury, as defined in subdivision (3) of section 53a-  
59 3, or (B) death to the affected person; and

60 (7) "Disability" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-345,  
61 as amended by this act."