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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING INTENTIONAL MISREPRESENTATION OF ENTITLEMENT TO  
102 AN ASSISTANCE ANIMAL.

Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

Federal law requires that reasonable accommodations be provided under some circumstances to individuals with a disability. An "assistance animal", sometimes referred to as an "emotional support animal", can assist individuals with a disability with their condition but is not necessarily trained to provide a specific task as "service animals" are. Certain providers of housing must allow an individual with a disability to

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reside with his or her assistance animal without charging any fees or imposing conditions that would otherwise apply if the animal were merely a pet.

The bill requires the following medical professionals, when approached by a patient seeking an assistance animal, to make a written finding regarding whether the patient has a disability and whether the need for the animal is related to that disability, or that there is insufficient evidence to make a disability determination:

- ! Physicians, physician assistants, and anesthesiologist assistants (**section 1** of the bill);
- ! Nurses (**section 2**); and
- ! Psychologists, social workers, clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, licensed professional counselors, and addiction counselors (**section 3**).

**Section 4** creates a class 1 petty offense for intentional misrepresentation of entitlement to an assistance animal.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3 finds and declares that:

4 (a) Service animals that are properly trained to assist persons with  
5 disabilities play a vital role in establishing independence for such persons;

6 (b) The term "service animal" has a distinct meaning in the law.  
7 A service animal means a dog or miniature horse trained to do work or  
8 perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability and whose  
9 work or task is directly related to the individual's disability. Under the  
10 law, the provision of emotional support, well-being, comfort, or  
11 companionship does not constitute the work or tasks of a service animal.

12 (c) No vest, other marking, or documentation is required for an  
13 animal to qualify as a service animal, nor are such vests, markings, or  
14 documentation a reliable indication of whether an animal is, by law, a  
15 service animal. People sometimes erroneously think that a therapy animal,  
16 an emotional support animal, or any animal wearing a vest or having any

1 other type of marking is a service animal as defined by law.

2 (d) There are an increasing number of occurrences where people  
3 exploit the confusion related to service animals and attempt to bring an  
4 animal into a place that it would otherwise not be allowed to enter by  
5 passing off a pet, therapy animal, or emotional support animal as a service  
6 animal or a service-animal-in-training, either by oral misrepresentation,  
7 placing a vest or other marking on the animal, or presenting a  
8 "certificate", despite knowing that it is not a service animal;

9 (e) Some companies mislead individuals into believing that they  
10 will be entitled to the rights or privileges for individuals with disabilities  
11 with service animals if only they buy the company's vests or obtain some  
12 type of certificate. These misrepresentations, in some cases, are unlawful  
13 deceptive trade practices and compound the confusion around service  
14 animals.

15 (f) Commendably, federal and state laws require places of public  
16 accommodation, including restaurants, theaters, stores, hospitals, and  
17 more, to allow any animal that is presented as a service animal or a  
18 service-animal-in-training into the place of public accommodation. These  
19 same places of public accommodation face a dilemma when someone  
20 enters the premises and intentionally misrepresents his or her animal as  
21 a service animal or service-animal-in-training.

22 (g) To respect the privacy of individuals with disabilities,  
23 regulations sensibly allow businesses and other places of public  
24 accommodation to ask only two questions of a person who is being  
25 assisted by an animal in such a place:

26 (I) Is the dog [or miniature horse] a service animal required  
27 because of a disability?

1 (II) What work or task has the dog [or miniature horse] been  
2 trained to perform?

3 (h) False answers to these two questions harm not only the place  
4 of public accommodation and its patrons, but also individuals with  
5 disabilities who legitimately rely on service animals. If an animal is not  
6 properly trained, the place of public accommodation and its clientele may  
7 suffer damages, health issues, injury, or other problems. When people try  
8 to falsely represent a non-service animal as a service animal or a  
9 service-animal-in-training, business owners and other places of public  
10 accommodation become increasingly distrustful that an animal being  
11 represented to them as a service animal or service-animal-in-training is,  
12 in fact, a service animal or service-animal-in-training. Misrepresentation  
13 of service animals delegitimizes the program and makes it harder for  
14 persons with disabilities to gain unquestioned acceptance of their  
15 legitimate, properly trained, and essential service animals.

16 (2) Therefore, the general assembly finds that the state of  
17 Colorado needs to enact a crime of intentional misrepresentation of a  
18 service animal for a person with a disability.

19 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 12-36-142 as  
20 follows:

21 **12-36-142. Licensee duties relating to assistance animals -**  
22 **definitions.** (1) A LICENSEE WHO IS APPROACHED BY A PATIENT SEEKING  
23 AN ASSISTANCE ANIMAL AS A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION IN HOUSING  
24 SHALL EITHER:

25 (a) MAKE A WRITTEN FINDING REGARDING WHETHER THE PATIENT  
26 HAS A DISABILITY AND, IF A DISABILITY IS FOUND, A SEPARATE WRITTEN  
27 FINDING REGARDING WHETHER THE NEED FOR THE ANIMAL IS RELATED TO

1 THAT DISABILITY; OR

2 (b) MAKE A WRITTEN FINDING THAT THERE IS INSUFFICIENT  
3 INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO MAKE A FINDING REGARDING DISABILITY OR  
4 THE DISABILITY-RELATED NEED FOR THE ANIMAL.

5 (2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT:

6 (a) CHANGE ANY LAWS OR PROCEDURES RELATED TO A SERVICE  
7 ANIMAL UNDER TITLE II AND TITLE III OF THE FEDERAL "AMERICANS WITH  
8 DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 12101 ET SEQ.;

9 (b) AFFECT IN ANY WAY THE RIGHT OF PET OWNERSHIP IN PUBLIC  
10 HOUSING ESTABLISHED IN 42 U.S.C. SEC. 1437Z-3, AS AMENDED; OR

11 (c) LIMIT THE MEANS BY WHICH A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY MAY  
12 DEMONSTRATE, PURSUANT TO STATE OR FEDERAL LAW, THAT THE PERSON  
13 HAS A DISABILITY OR THAT THE PERSON HAS A DISABILITY-RELATED NEED  
14 FOR AN ASSISTANCE ANIMAL.

15 (3) A LICENSEE SHALL NOT MAKE A DETERMINATION RELATED TO  
16 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION UNLESS THE LICENSEE:

17 (a) HAS MET WITH THE PATIENT IN PERSON OR BY TELEMEDICINE;

18 (b) IS SUFFICIENTLY FAMILIAR WITH THE PATIENT AND THE  
19 DISABILITY; AND

20 (c) IS LEGALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED TO MAKE THE  
21 DETERMINATION.

22 (4) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

23 (a) "ASSISTANCE ANIMAL" MEANS AN ANIMAL THAT QUALIFIES AS  
24 A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION UNDER THE FEDERAL "FAIR HOUSING  
25 ACT", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 3601 ET SEQ., AS AMENDED, OR SECTION 504 OF THE  
26 FEDERAL "REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973", 29 U.S.C. SEC. 794, AS  
27 AMENDED.

1 (b) "DISABILITY" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN THE  
2 FEDERAL "AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990", 42 U.S.C. SEC.  
3 12101 ET SEQ., AND ITS RELATED AMENDMENTS AND IMPLEMENTING  
4 REGULATIONS AND INCLUDES A HANDICAP AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN  
5 THE FEDERAL "FAIR HOUSING ACT", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 3601 ET SEQ., AS  
6 AMENDED, AND 24 CFR 100.201.

7 (c) "SERVICE ANIMAL" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN  
8 THE IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS OF TITLE II AND TITLE III OF THE  
9 FEDERAL "AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990", 42 U.S.C. SEC.  
10 12101 ET SEQ.

11 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 12-38-132.5 as  
12 follows:

13 **12-38-132.5. Licensee duties relating to assistance animals -**  
14 **definitions.** (1) A LICENSEE WHO IS APPROACHED BY A PATIENT SEEKING  
15 AN ASSISTANCE ANIMAL AS A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION IN HOUSING  
16 SHALL EITHER:

17 (a) MAKE A WRITTEN FINDING REGARDING WHETHER THE PATIENT  
18 HAS A DISABILITY AND, IF A DISABILITY IS FOUND, A SEPARATE WRITTEN  
19 FINDING REGARDING WHETHER THE NEED FOR THE ANIMAL IS RELATED TO  
20 THAT DISABILITY; OR

21 (b) MAKE A WRITTEN FINDING THAT THERE IS INSUFFICIENT  
22 INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO MAKE A FINDING REGARDING DISABILITY OR  
23 THE DISABILITY-RELATED NEED FOR THE ANIMAL.

24 (2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT:

25 (a) CHANGE ANY LAWS OR PROCEDURES RELATED TO A SERVICE  
26 ANIMAL UNDER TITLE II AND TITLE III OF THE FEDERAL "AMERICANS WITH  
27 DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 12101 ET SEQ.;

1 (b) AFFECT IN ANY WAY THE RIGHT OF PET OWNERSHIP IN PUBLIC  
2 HOUSING ESTABLISHED IN 42 U.S.C. SEC. 1437Z-3, AS AMENDED; OR

3 (c) LIMIT THE MEANS BY WHICH A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY MAY  
4 DEMONSTRATE, PURSUANT TO STATE OR FEDERAL LAW, THAT THE PERSON  
5 HAS A DISABILITY OR THAT THE PERSON HAS A DISABILITY-RELATED NEED  
6 FOR AN ASSISTANCE ANIMAL.

7 (3) A LICENSEE SHALL NOT MAKE A DETERMINATION RELATED TO  
8 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION UNLESS THE LICENSEE:

9 (a) HAS MET WITH THE PATIENT IN PERSON;

10 (b) IS SUFFICIENTLY FAMILIAR WITH THE PATIENT AND THE  
11 DISABILITY; AND

12 (c) IS LEGALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED TO MAKE THE  
13 DETERMINATION.

14 (4) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

15 (a) "ASSISTANCE ANIMAL" MEANS AN ANIMAL THAT QUALIFIES AS  
16 A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION UNDER THE FEDERAL "FAIR HOUSING  
17 ACT", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 3601 ET SEQ., AS AMENDED, OR SECTION 504 OF THE  
18 FEDERAL "REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973", 29 U.S.C. SEC. 794, AS  
19 AMENDED.

20 (b) "DISABILITY" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN THE  
21 FEDERAL "AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990", 42 U.S.C. SEC.  
22 12101 ET SEQ., AND ITS RELATED AMENDMENTS AND IMPLEMENTING  
23 REGULATIONS AND INCLUDES A HANDICAP AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN  
24 THE FEDERAL "FAIR HOUSING ACT", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 3601 ET SEQ., AS  
25 AMENDED, AND 24 CFR 100.201.

26 (c) "SERVICE ANIMAL" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN  
27 THE IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS OF TITLE II AND TITLE III OF THE

1 FEDERAL "AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990", 42 U.S.C. SEC.  
2 12101 ET SEQ.

3 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 12-43-226.5 as  
4 follows:

5 **12-43-226.5. Licensee duties relating to assistance animals -**  
6 **definitions.** (1) A LICENSEE WHO IS APPROACHED BY A PATIENT SEEKING  
7 AN ASSISTANCE ANIMAL AS A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION IN HOUSING  
8 SHALL EITHER:

9 (a) MAKE A WRITTEN FINDING REGARDING WHETHER THE PATIENT  
10 HAS A DISABILITY AND, IF A DISABILITY IS FOUND, A SEPARATE WRITTEN  
11 FINDING REGARDING WHETHER THE NEED FOR THE ANIMAL IS RELATED TO  
12 THAT DISABILITY; OR

13 (b) MAKE A WRITTEN FINDING THAT THERE IS INSUFFICIENT  
14 INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO MAKE A FINDING REGARDING DISABILITY OR  
15 THE DISABILITY-RELATED NEED FOR THE ANIMAL.

16 (2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT:

17 (a) CHANGE ANY LAWS OR PROCEDURES RELATED TO A SERVICE  
18 ANIMAL UNDER TITLE II AND TITLE III OF THE FEDERAL "AMERICANS WITH  
19 DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 12101 ET SEQ.;

20 (b) AFFECT IN ANY WAY THE RIGHT OF PET OWNERSHIP IN PUBLIC  
21 HOUSING ESTABLISHED IN 42 U.S.C. SEC. 1437Z-3, AS AMENDED; OR

22 (c) LIMIT THE MEANS BY WHICH A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY MAY  
23 DEMONSTRATE, PURSUANT TO STATE OR FEDERAL LAW, THAT THE PERSON  
24 HAS A DISABILITY OR THAT THE PERSON HAS A DISABILITY-RELATED NEED  
25 FOR AN ASSISTANCE ANIMAL.

26 (3) A LICENSEE SHALL NOT MAKE A DETERMINATION RELATED TO  
27 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION UNLESS THE LICENSEE:



- 1 (a) HAS MET WITH THE PATIENT IN PERSON;  
2 (b) IS SUFFICIENTLY FAMILIAR WITH THE PATIENT AND THE  
3 DISABILITY; AND  
4 (c) IS LEGALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED TO MAKE THE  
5 DETERMINATION.

6 (4) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

7 (a) "ASSISTANCE ANIMAL" MEANS AN ANIMAL THAT QUALIFIES AS  
8 A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION UNDER THE FEDERAL "FAIR HOUSING  
9 ACT", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 3601 ET SEQ., AS AMENDED, OR SECTION 504 OF THE  
10 FEDERAL "REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973", 29 U.S.C. SEC. 794, AS  
11 AMENDED.

12 (b) "DISABILITY" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN THE  
13 FEDERAL "AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990", 42 U.S.C. SEC.  
14 12101 ET SEQ., AND ITS RELATED AMENDMENTS AND IMPLEMENTING  
15 REGULATIONS AND INCLUDES A HANDICAP AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN  
16 THE FEDERAL "FAIR HOUSING ACT", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 3601 ET SEQ., AS  
17 AMENDED, AND 24 CFR 100.201.

18 (c) "SERVICE ANIMAL" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN  
19 THE IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS OF TITLE II AND TITLE III OF THE  
20 FEDERAL "AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990", 42 U.S.C. SEC.  
21 12101 ET SEQ.

22 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 18-13-107.3 and**  
23 **18-13-107.7** as follows:

24 **18-13-107.3. Intentional misrepresentation of entitlement to**  
25 **an assistance animal - penalty - definitions.** (1) A PERSON COMMITS  
26 INTENTIONAL MISREPRESENTATION OF ENTITLEMENT TO AN ASSISTANCE  
27 ANIMAL IF:

1 (a) THE PERSON INTENTIONALLY MISREPRESENTS ENTITLEMENT TO  
2 AN ANIMAL IN HIS OR HER POSSESSION AS AN ASSISTANCE ANIMAL FOR THE  
3 PURPOSE OF OBTAINING ANY OF THE RIGHTS OR PRIVILEGES SET FORTH IN  
4 STATE OR FEDERAL LAW FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY AS A  
5 REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION IN HOUSING; ■

6 (b) THE PERSON WAS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN A WRITTEN OR VERBAL  
7 WARNING REGARDING THE FACT THAT IT IS ILLEGAL TO INTENTIONALLY  
8 MISREPRESENT ENTITLEMENT TO AN ASSISTANCE ANIMAL.

9 (c) THE PERSON KNOWS THAT:

10 (I) THE ANIMAL IS NOT AN ASSISTANCE ANIMAL WITH REGARD TO  
11 THAT PERSON; OR

12 (II) THE PERSON DOES NOT HAVE A DISABILITY.

13 (2) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION  
14 COMMITS A CLASS 2 PETTY OFFENSE AND, UPON CONVICTION, SHALL BE  
15 PUNISHED AS FOLLOWS:

16 (a) FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, A FINE OF TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS;

17 (b) FOR A SECOND OFFENSE, A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN FIFTY  
18 DOLLARS BUT NOT MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS; AND

19 (c) FOR A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, A FINE OF NOT LESS  
20 THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS BUT NOT MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED  
21 DOLLARS.

22 (3) (a) A DEFENDANT MAY PETITION THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE  
23 DISTRICT IN WHICH ANY CONVICTION RECORDS PERTAINING TO THE  
24 DEFENDANT'S FIRST CONVICTION FOR INTENTIONAL MISREPRESENTATION  
25 OF ENTITLEMENT TO AN ASSISTANCE ANIMAL, AS DESCRIBED IN  
26 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, ARE LOCATED FOR THE SEALING OF THE  
27 CONVICTION RECORDS, EXCEPT FOR BASIC IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.

1 (b) IF A PETITION IS FILED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS  
2 SUBSECTION (3) FOR THE SEALING OF A RECORD OF CONVICTION FOR  
3 INTENTIONAL MISREPRESENTATION OF ENTITLEMENT TO AN ASSISTANCE  
4 ANIMAL, THE COURT SHALL ORDER THE RECORD SEALED IF THE FOLLOWING  
5 CRITERIA ARE MET:

6 (I) THE PETITION IS FILED;

7 (II) THE FILING FEE IS PAID OR THE DEFENDANT HAS FILED A  
8 MOTION TO FILE WITHOUT PAYMENT WITH A SUPPORTING FINANCIAL  
9 AFFIDAVIT AND THE COURT HAS GRANTED THE MOTION;

10 (III) THE DEFENDANT'S FIRST CONVICTION FOR INTENTIONAL  
11 MISREPRESENTATION OF ENTITLEMENT TO AN ASSISTANCE ANIMAL WAS AT  
12 LEAST THREE YEARS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE FILING OF THE PETITION;  
13 AND

14 (IV) THE DEFENDANT HAS NOT HAD A SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION  
15 FOR INTENTIONAL MISREPRESENTATION OF ENTITLEMENT TO AN  
16 ASSISTANCE ANIMAL.

17 (c) AN ORDER ENTERED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3) MUST  
18 BE DIRECTED TO EACH CUSTODIAN WHO MAY HAVE CUSTODY OF ANY PART  
19 OF THE CONVICTION RECORDS THAT ARE THE SUBJECT OF THE ORDER.  
20 WHENEVER A COURT ENTERS AN ORDER SEALING CONVICTION RECORDS  
21 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3), THE DEFENDANT SHALL PROVIDE THE  
22 COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND EACH CUSTODIAN OF THE  
23 CONVICTION RECORDS WITH A COPY OF THE ORDER AND SHALL PAY TO THE  
24 BUREAU ANY COSTS RELATED TO THE SEALING OF HIS OR HER CRIMINAL  
25 CONVICTION RECORDS THAT ARE IN THE CUSTODY OF THE BUREAU UNLESS  
26 THE COURT HAS GRANTED THE MOTION SPECIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II)  
27 OF PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (3). THEREAFTER, THE

1 DEFENDANT MAY REQUEST AND THE COURT MAY GRANT AN ORDER  
2 SEALING THE CIVIL CASE IN WHICH THE CONVICTION RECORDS WERE  
3 SEALED.

4 (4) A WRITTEN FINDING MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-36-142  
5 (1) (a), 12-38-132.5 (1) (a), OR 12-43-226.5 (1) (a), C.R.S., IS AN  
6 AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO THE OFFENSE ESTABLISHED BY THIS SECTION.  
7 THE LACK OF SUCH A FINDING IS NOT PROOF OF THE OFFENSE ESTABLISHED  
8 BY THIS SECTION, AND NOTHING IN THIS SECTION OR IN SECTIONS  
9 12-36-142, 12-38-132.5, OR 12-43-226.5, C.R.S., LIMITS THE MEANS BY  
10 WHICH A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY MAY DEMONSTRATE, PURSUANT TO  
11 STATE OR FEDERAL LAW, THAT THE PERSON HAS A DISABILITY OR THAT  
12 THE PERSON HAS A DISABILITY-RELATED NEED FOR AN ASSISTANCE  
13 ANIMAL.

14 (5) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
15 REQUIRES:

16 (a) "ASSISTANCE ANIMAL" MEANS AN ANIMAL THAT QUALIFIES AS  
17 A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION UNDER THE FEDERAL "FAIR HOUSING  
18 ACT", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 3601 ET SEQ., AS AMENDED OR SECTION 504 OF THE  
19 FEDERAL "REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973", 29 U.S.C. SEC. 794, AS  
20 AMENDED.

21 (b) "DISABILITY" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN THE  
22 FEDERAL "AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990", 42 U.S.C. SEC.  
23 12101 ET SEQ., AND ITS RELATED AMENDMENTS AND IMPLEMENTING  
24 REGULATIONS AND INCLUDES A HANDICAP AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN  
25 THE FEDERAL "FAIR HOUSING ACT", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 3601 ET SEQ., AS  
26 AMENDED, AND 24 CFR 100.201.

27 (c) "SERVICE ANIMAL" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN

1 THE IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS OF TITLE II AND TITLE III OF THE  
2 FEDERAL "AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990", 42 U.S.C. SEC.  
3 12101 ET SEQ.

4 (d) "STATE AND FEDERAL LAW" INCLUDES SECTION 24-34-803,  
5 C.R.S., THE FEDERAL LAWS SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS  
6 SUBSECTION (5), AND RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING THOSE  
7 LAWS.

8 **18-13-107.7. Intentional misrepresentation of a service animal**  
9 **for a person with a disability - penalty - sealing of conviction records**

10 **- definitions.** (1) A PERSON COMMITS INTENTIONAL MISREPRESENTATION  
11 OF A SERVICE ANIMAL IF:

12 (a) THE PERSON INTENTIONALLY MISREPRESENTS AN ANIMAL IN HIS  
13 OR HER POSSESSION AS HIS OR HER SERVICE ANIMAL OR  
14 SERVICE-ANIMAL-IN-TRAINING FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING ANY OF  
15 THE RIGHTS OR PRIVILEGES SET FORTH IN SECTION 24-34-803, C.R.S.;

16 (b) THE PERSON WAS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN A WRITTEN OR VERBAL  
17 WARNING REGARDING THE FACT THAT IT IS ILLEGAL TO INTENTIONALLY  
18 MISREPRESENT A SERVICE ANIMAL.

19 (c) THE PERSON KNOWS THAT THE ANIMAL IN QUESTION IS NOT A  
20 SERVICE ANIMAL OR SERVICE-ANIMAL-IN-TRAINING.

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22 (2) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION  
23 COMMITS A CLASS 2 PETTY OFFENSE AND, UPON CONVICTION, SHALL BE  
24 PUNISHED AS FOLLOWS:

25 (a) FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, A FINE OF TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS;

26 (b) FOR A SECOND OFFENSE, A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN FIFTY  
27 DOLLARS BUT NOT MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS; AND

1           (c) FOR A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, A FINE OF NOT LESS  
2 THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS BUT NOT MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED  
3 DOLLARS.

4           (3) (a) A DEFENDANT MAY PETITION THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE  
5 DISTRICT IN WHICH ANY CONVICTION RECORDS PERTAINING TO THE  
6 DEFENDANT'S FIRST CONVICTION FOR INTENTIONAL MISREPRESENTATION  
7 OF A SERVICE ANIMAL, AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION,  
8 ARE LOCATED FOR THE SEALING OF THE CONVICTION RECORDS, EXCEPT  
9 FOR BASIC IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.

10           (b) IF A PETITION IS FILED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS  
11 SUBSECTION (3) FOR THE SEALING OF A RECORD OF CONVICTION FOR  
12 INTENTIONAL MISREPRESENTATION OF A SERVICE ANIMAL, THE COURT  
13 SHALL ORDER THE RECORD SEALED IF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA ARE MET:

- 14           (I) THE PETITION IS FILED;
- 15           (II) THE FILING FEE IS PAID OR THE DEFENDANT HAS FILED A  
16 MOTION TO FILE WITHOUT PAYMENT WITH A SUPPORTING FINANCIAL  
17 AFFIDAVIT AND THE COURT HAS GRANTED THE MOTION;
- 18           (III) THE DEFENDANT'S FIRST CONVICTION FOR INTENTIONAL  
19 MISREPRESENTATION OF A SERVICE ANIMAL WAS AT LEAST THREE YEARS  
20 PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE FILING OF THE PETITION; AND
- 21           (IV) THE DEFENDANT HAS NOT HAD A SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION  
22 FOR INTENTIONAL MISREPRESENTATION OF A SERVICE ANIMAL.

23           (c) AN ORDER ENTERED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3) MUST  
24 BE DIRECTED TO EACH CUSTODIAN WHO MAY HAVE CUSTODY OF ANY PART  
25 OF THE CONVICTION RECORDS THAT ARE THE SUBJECT OF THE ORDER.  
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4 CONVICTION RECORDS THAT ARE IN THE CUSTODY OF THE BUREAU UNLESS  
5 THE COURT HAS GRANTED THE MOTION SPECIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II)  
6 OF PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (3). THEREAFTER, THE  
7 DEFENDANT MAY REQUEST AND THE COURT MAY GRANT AN ORDER  
8 SEALING THE CIVIL CASE IN WHICH THE CONVICTION RECORDS WERE  
9 SEALED.

10 (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
11 REQUIRES:

12 (a) "DISABILITY" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN THE  
13 FEDERAL "AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990", 42 U.S.C. SEC.  
14 12101 ET SEQ., AND ITS RELATED AMENDMENTS AND IMPLEMENTING  
15 REGULATIONS.

16 (b) "QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY" HAS THE SAME  
17 MEANING AS SET FORTH IN THE FEDERAL "AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES  
18 ACT OF 1990", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 12101 ET SEQ., AND ITS RELATED  
19 AMENDMENTS AND IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS.

20 (c) "SERVICE ANIMAL" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN  
21 THE IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS OF TITLE II AND TITLE III OF THE  
22 FEDERAL "AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990", 42 U.S.C. SEC.  
23 12101 ET SEQ.

24 (d) "SERVICE-ANIMAL-IN-TRAINING" MEANS A DOG OR MINIATURE  
25 HORSE THAT IS BEING INDIVIDUALLY TRAINED TO DO WORK OR PERFORM  
26 TASKS FOR THE BENEFIT OF A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY.

27 (e) "TRAINER OF A SERVICE ANIMAL" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS

1 INDIVIDUALLY TRAINING A SERVICE ANIMAL TO DO WORK OR PERFORM  
2 TASKS FOR THE BENEFIT OF A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY.

3 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-34-309 as  
4 follows:

5 **24-34-309. Public education - service and assistance animals**  
6 **- form used in housing.** (1) THE DIVISION IS AUTHORIZED TO EDUCATE

7 THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE DEFINITIONS OF ASSISTANCE AND SERVICE  
8 ANIMALS, AS THOSE TERMS ARE DEFINED IN SECTIONS 18-13-107.3 AND  
9 18-13-107.7, C.R.S., AND THE RIGHTS THAT ACCOMPANY PEOPLE WITH  
10 DISABILITIES WHO USE THOSE ANIMALS. THE DIVISION MAY:

11 (a) USE ITS WEBSITE TO INCLUDE INFORMATION ON HOW A PERSON  
12 WITH A DISABILITY CAN COMPLAIN ABOUT DISCRIMINATION ENCOUNTERED  
13 IN PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION AND HOUSING;

14 (b) CREATE AND PUBLICIZE PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS  
15 ABOUT THE DEFINITIONS OF ASSISTANCE AND SERVICE ANIMALS AND LINKS  
16 TO THE DIVISION'S WEBSITE;

17 (c) CREATE AND PUBLICIZE UNIFORM SIGNAGE FOR ALL PLACES OF  
18 PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION TO DISPLAY TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE  
19 RULES SURROUNDING SERVICE AND ASSISTANCE ANIMALS;

20 (d) CREATE AND PUBLICIZE ONE OR MORE FORMS THAT  
21 LANDLORDS, QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS WITH A DISABILITY, AND HEALTH  
22 CARE PROVIDERS MAY USE IN MAKING A DETERMINATION CONTEMPLATED  
23 BY SECTION 12-36-142, 12-38-132.5, OR 12-43-226.5, C.R.S.; AND

24 (e) ESTABLISH AN EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT  
25 OFFICERS IN COLORADO ABOUT SERVICE AND ASSISTANCE ANIMALS AND  
26 HOW TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION TO PEOPLE WITH  
27 DISABILITIES WHEN MAKING INQUIRIES UNDER APPLICABLE LAW.



1 (2) IF A LANDLORD REQUIRES A TENANT TO PROVIDE  
2 DOCUMENTATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE TENANT'S ASSISTANCE  
3 ANIMAL, AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION 18-13-107.3, C.R.S., THE  
4 LANDLORD SHALL PROVIDE THE TENANT WITH THE FORM SPECIFIED IN  
5 PARAGRAPH (d) OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION IF THE DIVISION HAS  
6 POSTED THE FORM ON ITS WEBSITE. THE TENANT NEED NOT USE THE FORM.

7 **SECTION 7. Act subject to petition - effective date -**  
8 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect January 1, 2017; except that, if a  
9 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
10 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
11 within the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general  
12 assembly, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless  
13 approved by the people at the general election to be held in November  
14 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on January 1, 2017, or on the date  
15 of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor, whichever  
16 is later.

17 (2) This act applies to conduct occurring on or after the applicable  
18 effective date of this act.

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