



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4330

Introduced 1/29/2020, by Rep. Maurice A. West, II

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

510 ILCS 70/2.01i new
510 ILCS 70/7.15

Amends the Humane Care for Animals Act. Provides that a person may not willfully and maliciously annoy, harass, taunt, injure, kill, or otherwise harm any animal (rather than a guide, hearing, or support dog) that provides assistance to a person with a disability. Sets forth penalties. Defines "assistance animal". Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning animals.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Humane Care for Animals Act is amended by
5 changing Section 7.15 and by adding Section 2.01i as follows:

6 (510 ILCS 70/2.01i new)

7 Sec. 2.01i. Assistance animal. "Assistance animal" means
8 an animal trained by a licensed or certified person,
9 organization, or agency to assist a person who has a physical,
10 sensory, intellectual, developmental, psychiatric, or mental
11 disability in one or more daily life activities. "Assistance
12 animal" includes guide dogs, leader dogs, hearing ear dogs, and
13 any animal trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit
14 of a person with a disability, including, but not limited to:

15 (1) pulling a wheelchair;

16 (2) providing balance or stability support;

17 (3) retrieving objects; and

18 (4) providing assistance and support during a medical,
19 psychological, or emotional crisis.

20 (510 ILCS 70/7.15)

21 Sec. 7.15. Assistance animal ~~Guide, hearing, and support~~
22 ~~dogs.~~

1 (a) A person may not willfully and maliciously annoy,
2 taunt, tease, harass, torment, beat, or strike an assistance
3 animal ~~a guide, hearing, or support dog~~ or otherwise engage in
4 any conduct directed toward an assistance animal ~~a guide,~~
5 ~~hearing, or support dog~~ that is likely to impede or interfere
6 with the assistance animal's ~~dog's~~ performance of its duties or
7 that places the ~~blind, hearing impaired, or~~ person ~~with a~~
8 ~~physical disability~~ being served or assisted by the assistance
9 animal ~~dog~~ in danger of injury.

10 (b) A person may not willfully and maliciously torture,
11 injure, or kill an assistance animal ~~a guide, hearing, or~~
12 ~~support dog~~.

13 (c) A person may not willfully and maliciously permit an
14 animal ~~a dog~~ that is owned, harbored, or controlled by the
15 person to cause injury to or the death of an assistance animal
16 ~~a guide, hearing, or support dog~~ while the assistance animal
17 ~~guide, hearing, or support dog~~ is in discharge of its duties.

18 (d) A person convicted of violating this Section is guilty
19 of a Class A misdemeanor. A second or subsequent violation is a
20 Class 4 felony. A person convicted of violating subsection (b)
21 or (c) of this Section is guilty of a Class 4 felony if the
22 assistance animal ~~dog~~ is killed or totally disabled, and may be
23 ordered by the court to make restitution to the person with a
24 disability having custody or ownership of the assistance animal
25 ~~dog~~ for veterinary bills and replacement costs of the
26 assistance animal ~~dog~~.

1 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
3 becoming law.