

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 398

BY: SHURDEN of the SENATE

and

LEIST, MONKS, COTNER and
HEFNER of the HOUSE

AN ACT RELATING TO GUIDE DOGS; AMENDING 7 O.S.
1991, SECTION 19.1, WHICH RELATES TO PUBLIC
CONVEYANCES AND PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS; PROVIDING
DOG TRAINERS FROM CERTAIN CENTERS WITH CERTAIN
RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES; AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 7 O.S. 1991, Section 19.1, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 19.1 A. Any blind, deaf, or physically handicapped
person who is a passenger on any common carrier, airplane, motor
vehicle, railroad train, motorbus, streetcar, boat, or any other
public conveyance or mode of transportation operating within the
State of Oklahoma or any dog trainer from a recognized training
center when in the act of training guide, signal, or service dogs
shall be entitled to have with him a guide, signal, or service dog
specially trained or being trained for that purpose, without being
required to pay an additional charge therefor, but shall be liable
as hereafter set forth in subsection B of this section.

B. A blind, deaf, or physically handicapped person and his
guide, signal, or service dog or a dog trainer from a recognized
training center in the act of training guide, signal, or service
dogs shall not be denied admittance to or refused access to any of
the following because of such dog: Any street, highway, sidewalk,
walkway, any common carrier, airplane, motor vehicle, railroad
train, motor bus, streetcar, boat, or any other public conveyance or
mode of transportation, hotel, motel, or other place of lodging,
public building maintained by any unit or subdivision of government,
building to which the general public is invited, college dormitory
and other educational facility, restaurant or other place where food
is offered for sale to the public, or any other place of public
accommodation, amusement, convenience, or resort to which the
general public or any classification of persons from the general
public is regularly, normally, or customarily invited within the
State of Oklahoma. Such blind, deaf, or physically handicapped
person or dog trainer from a recognized training center in the act
of training guide, signal, or service dogs shall not be required to
pay any additional charges for his guide, signal, or service dog,
but shall be liable for any damage done to the premises by said dog.

C. Such dog used by a deaf person shall be required to wear an
orange identifying collar.

D. For the purposes of this section and Section 113.1 of Title
41 of the Oklahoma Statutes:

1. "Physically handicapped person" means any person who has a
physical impairment which severely and permanently restricts

mobility of two or more extremities, or who is so severely disabled as to be unable to move without the aid of a wheelchair;

2. "Service dog" means any dog individually trained to the physically handicapped person's requirements; and

3. "Signal dog" means any dog trained to alert a deaf person, or person whose hearing is impaired, to intruders or sounds.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 27th day of February, 1992.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 16th day of April, 1992.

Speaker of the House of Representatives