

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 19, 2013

3 SENATE BILL NO. 997

By: Schulz of the Senate

4 and

5 Russ of the House

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8 An Act relating to service dogs; amending 7 O.S.
9 2011, Section 19.1, which relates to authorizing
10 certain service dogs in training access to passenger
11 carriers; adding licensed trainers; and providing an
12 effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 7 O.S. 2011, Section 19.1, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 19.1. A. Any blind, physically handicapped, deaf or
17 hard-of-hearing person who is a passenger on any common carrier,
18 airplane, motor vehicle, railroad train, motorbus, streetcar, boat,
19 or any other public conveyance or mode of transportation operating
20 within this state or any dog trainer from a recognized training
21 center or a licensed trainer when in the act of training guide,
22 signal, or service dogs shall be entitled to have with him or her a
23 guide, signal, or service dog specially trained or being trained for
24 that purpose, without being required to pay an additional charge

1 therefor, but shall be liable as hereafter set forth in subsection B
2 of this section.

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

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1 C. A dog used by a deaf or hard-of-hearing person shall be
2 required to wear an orange identifying collar.

3 D. For the purposes of this section and Section 113.1 of Title
4 41 of the Oklahoma Statutes:

5 1. "Physically handicapped person" means any person who has a
6 physical impairment which severely and permanently restricts
7 mobility of two or more extremities, or who is so severely disabled
8 as to be unable to move without the aid of a wheelchair;

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

11 3. "Signal dog" means any dog trained to alert a deaf or hard-
12 of-hearing person to intruders or sounds.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

14 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
15 February 19, 2013 - DO PASS

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