

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1309

By: Stark

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to disabled persons; prohibiting
8 intentional misrepresentation of qualified service
9 animals; providing penalty; providing definitions;
10 providing for codification; and providing an
11 effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 20 of Title 7, unless there is
15 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. No person shall knowingly present any animal or therapy
17 animal as a qualified service animal or intentionally misrepresent
18 entitlement to an animal in his or her possession as a qualified
19 service animal for the purpose of obtaining any of the rights or
20 privileges set forth in state or federal law for an individual with
21 a disability.

22 B. Any person who violates the provisions of subsection A of
23 this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

24 C. For purposes of this section:

1 1. "Qualified service animal" shall mean any dog individually
2 trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual
3 with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric,
4 intellectual or other mental disability. Other species of animals,
5 whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not service
6 animals for purposes of this definition; and

7 2. "Therapy animal" shall mean an animal selected to accompany
8 an individual with a disability that does not work or perform tasks
9 for the benefit of an individual with a disability and does not
10 accompany at all times an individual with a disability.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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