

1 1. The terms "place of public accommodation", "public
2 accommodation" and "service animal" shall have the same meaning as
3 such terms are defined in 28 C.F.R., Section 36.104. "Service
4 animal" does not include an emotional support animal or a therapy
5 animal;

6 2. "Emotional support animal" means an animal selected to
7 reside with an individual with a disability that does not work or
8 perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability and
9 does not accompany at all times an individual with a disability; ~~and~~

10 3. "Service animal" means a dog individually trained to do work
11 or perform specific tasks for a person with a disability; and

12 4. "Therapy animal" means a personal pet who is certified to
13 make therapeutic visits with a trained volunteer to places
14 including, but not limited to, nursing facilities, schools and
15 hospitals to bring therapeutic benefit, comfort and cheer to others.

16 B. A public accommodation may adopt a policy to prohibit
17 animals, except service animals, from entering the place of public
18 accommodation.

19 C. A public accommodation which adopts such a policy shall post
20 a sign in a conspicuous location outside the entrance of the place
21 of public accommodation stating which animals or types of animals
22 are prohibited. Such sign shall also state that service animals are
23 permitted.

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1 D. If a public accommodation inquires into the qualification of
2 a service animal, the public accommodation shall comply with 28
3 C.F.R., Section 36.302(c)(6).

4 E. Any person who is not an individual with a disability or is
5 not trained to assist individuals with disabilities, who uses a
6 service animal in an attempt to gain treatment or benefits as an
7 individual with a disability shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a
8 misdemeanor.

9 F. No person shall knowingly present any animal or therapy
10 animal as a service animal or intentionally misrepresent entitlement
11 to an animal in his or her possession as a qualified service animal
12 for the purpose of obtaining any of the rights or privileges set
13 forth in state or federal law for an individual with a disability.
14 Any person who violates this subsection shall, upon conviction, be
15 guilty of a misdemeanor.

16 G. Any person or business that sells or provides an animal for
17 use as an emotional support animal shall provide written notice to
18 the buyer or recipient of the animal that states the following:

19 1. The animal does not have the special training required to
20 qualify as a service animal;

21 2. The user of an emotional support animal is not entitled to
22 the rights and privileges accorded by law to a service animal; and
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1 3. Knowingly misrepresenting as a service animal any animal
2 that does not meet the requirements of a service animal, as defined
3 in this section, is a violation of Oklahoma law.

4 H. A person or business who provides verification of the
5 disability-related need for an emotional support animal shall
6 provide written notice to the buyer or recipient that states the
7 following:

8 1. The verification cannot be used to establish the emotional
9 support animal as a service animal;

10 2. The user of an emotional support animal is not entitled to
11 the rights and privileges accorded by law to a service animal; and

12 3. Knowingly misrepresenting as a service animal any animal
13 that does not meet the requirements of a service animal, as defined
14 in this section, is a violation of Oklahoma law.

15 I. A person or business that sells or provides a certificate,
16 vest, or identification tag that identifies an animal as an
17 emotional support animal shall provide written notice to the buyer
18 or recipient that states the following:

19 1. The item cannot be used to establish the emotional support
20 animal as a service animal;

21 2. The item does not entitle the user of an emotional support
22 animal to the same rights and privileges accorded by law to the user
23 of a service animal; and

1 3. Knowingly misrepresenting as a service animal any animal
2 that does not meet the requirements of a service animal, as defined
3 in this section, is a violation of Oklahoma law.

4 J. The written notices described in subsections G, H, and I, of
5 this section, shall be made in at least twelve-point bold type and
6 shall be provided on the receipt for the emotional support animal or
7 the product described in subsection I of this section, or on a
8 separate piece of paper that is attached to the receipt.

9 K. Any individual who violates subsections G, H, or I, of this
10 section shall be fined not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)
11 and not more than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for the first
12 violation, and not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for a
13 second violation and each violation thereafter.

14 L. Nothing in this act shall preclude any other civil remedies
15 available to a person, entity, or other organization arising from
16 misrepresentation by another person of a service animal.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
20 OVERSIGHT, dated 02/25/2026 - DO PASS.