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To: Public Health and  
Welfare

HOUSE BILL NO. 1130  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-6-151, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO CHANGE THE TITLE OF THE MISSISSIPPI SUPPORT DOG ACT TO THE  
3 MISSISSIPPI SUPPORT ANIMAL ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 43-6-155,  
4 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW ALL ANIMALS SPECIFICALLY  
5 TRAINED TO ASSIST DISABLED PERSONS TO HAVE ACCESS TO PUBLIC  
6 FACILITIES WITH CERTAIN LIMITATIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

8 SECTION 1. Section 43-6-151, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
9 amended as follows:

10 43-6-151. Sections 43-6-151 through 43-6-155 shall be known  
11 as and may be cited as the "Mississippi Support Animal Act."

12 SECTION 2. Section 43-6-155, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
13 amended as follows:

14 43-6-155. (1) Any blind person, mobility impaired person or  
15 hearing impaired person who uses a dog or other animal  
16 specifically trained as a guide, leader, listener or for any other  
17 assistance necessary to assist such blind, mobility impaired or  
18 hearing impaired person in day-to-day activities shall be entitled  
19 to the full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities and  
20 privileges of all public conveyances, hotels, lodging places,  
21 businesses open to the public for the sale of any goods or  
22 services and all places of public accommodation, amusement, or  
23 resort and other places to which the general public is invited,  
24 and may take the dog or other animal into \* \* \* conveyances and  
25 places, subject only to the conditions and limitations applicable  
26 to all persons not so accompanied, except that:

27 (a) The dog or other animal shall not occupy a seat in  
28 any public conveyance.

29           (b) The dog or other animal shall be upon a leash or  
30 otherwise sufficiently restrained in a manner appropriate for the  
31 animal while using the facilities of a common carrier.

32           (2) Trainers of support dogs and other support animals shall  
33 have the same rights of accommodations, advantages, facilities and  
34 privileges with support animals-in-training as those provided to  
35 blind, mobility impaired or hearing impaired persons with support  
36 animals under this section.

37           (3) No person shall deprive a blind, mobility  
38 impaired, \* \* \* hearing impaired person, or a support animal  
39 trainer of any of the advantages, facilities or privileges  
40 provided in this section, nor charge such blind, mobility impaired  
41 or hearing impaired person or support animal trainer a fee or  
42 charge for the use of the animal.

43           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
44 and after July 1, 2000.