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To: Public Health and
Welfare

HOUSE BILL NO. 1130
(As Passed the House)

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 ANY PERSON WITH A DISABILITY
5 AND ALL ANIMALS SPECIFICALLY TRAINED TO ASSIST DISABLED PERSONS TO
6 HAVE ACCESS TO PUBLIC FACILITIES WITH CERTAIN LIMITATIONS; AND FOR
7 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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

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

29 that:

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

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

35 (2) Trainers of support dogs and other support animals shall
36 have the same rights of accommodations, advantages, facilities and
37 privileges with support animals-in-training as those provided to
38 blind, mobility impaired, hearing impaired persons and other
39 persons living with a disability with support animals under this
40 section.

41 (3) No person shall deprive a blind, mobility
42 impaired, * * * hearing impaired person, or a support animal
43 trainer of any of the advantages, facilities or privileges
44 provided in this section, nor charge such blind, mobility
45 impaired, hearing impaired person, person living with a disability
46 or support animal trainer a fee or charge for the use of the
47 animal.

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