

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003

A Bill

SENATE BILL 656

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5 By: Senator Hendren
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FULL ACCESS FOR GUIDE DOGS TO
10 PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FULL ACCESS FOR GUIDE
14 DOGS TO PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. (a) A blind, physically handicapped, deaf or hard-of-
20 hearing person, and his or her guide, signal, or service dog, or a dog
21 trainer in the act of training guide, signal, or service dogs shall not be
22 denied admittance to or refused access to the following because of the dog:

23 (1) Any street or highway;

24 (2) Any sidewalk or walkway;

25 (3) Any common carrier, airplane, motor vehicle, railroad train,
26 bus, streetcar, boat, or any other public conveyance or mode of
27 transportation;

28 (4) Any hotel, motel, or other place of lodging;

29 (5) Any public building maintained by any unit or subdivision of
30 government;

31 (6) Any building to which the general public is invited;

32 (7) Any educational facility or college dormitory;

33 (8) Any restaurant or other place where food is offered for sale
34 to the public; or

35 (9) Any other place of public accommodation, amusement,
36 convenience, or resort to which the general public or any classification of



1 persons from the general public is regularly, normally, or customarily
2 invited within the State of Arkansas.

3 (b) The blind, physically handicapped, deaf or hard-of-hearing
4 person or dog trainer in the act of training guide, signal, or service dogs
5 shall not be required to pay any additional charges for his or her guide,
6 signal, or service dog, but shall be liable for any damage done to the
7 premises by the dog.

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