

General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 1130



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by: SEN. COHEN, 12th Dist. REP. COMEY, 102nd Dist.

## AN ACT CONCERNING INTENTIONAL MISREPRESENTATION OF A DOG AS A SERVICE ANIMAL TO GAIN ACCOMMODATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to penalize as a misdemeanor
- 2 the intentional misrepresentation of a dog as a service animal to gain
- 3 accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA),
- 4 including, but not limited to, the outfitting of a dog with gear commonly
- 5 associated with service animals without proper training or certification.

## Statement of Purpose:

To uphold the integrity of service animal protections under the ADA, discourage fraudulent behavior and ensure that individuals who rely on trained service animals for disabilities are not hindered or endangered by the misrepresentation of unqualified animals.