

Bill History
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Substitute for Raised H.B. No. 5264

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Introducer(s):

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICE ANIMALS IN INSURANCE UNDERWRITING, THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ADVOCATE IN PROCEEDINGS CONCERNING THE WELFARE OR CUSTODY OF COMPANION ANIMALS, ASSAULT OF A DOMESTIC ANIMAL AND ESTABLISHING AN ANIMAL ABUSE TASK FORCE.

Statement of Purpose: To: (1) Prohibit any homeowners insurance or tenants insurance policy from discriminating based on owning any dog that is a dog trained or being trained as a service animal to assist blind, deaf or mobility impaired persons or is a therapy animal, (2) allow the court to appoint an advocate in proceedings concerning the welfare or custody of companion animals, (3) expand assault in the third degree to include domestic animals, and (4) establish an animal abuse task force.

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