

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 227

By: Senator Rapert

By: Representative D. Meeks

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE PATRICIA HEATH ACT; TO INCLUDE ALL SERVICE DOGS AUTHORIZED FOR ACCOMPANIMENT UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT IN THE RIGHT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A SERVICE ANIMAL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO CREATE THE PATRICIA HEATH ACT;
TO INCLUDE ALL SERVICE DOGS AUTHORIZED
FOR ACCOMPANIMENT UNDER THE AMERICANS
WITH DISABILITY ACT IN THE RIGHT OF
INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES TO BE
ACCOMPANIED BY A SERVICE ANIMAL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Patricia Heath Act".

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-14-304(a), concerning the right of an individual with disabilities to be accompanied by a service animal, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Every individual with visual, hearing, or other ~~physical~~ disabilities ~~shall have~~ has the right to be accompanied by a service animal especially trained to do work or to perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability in or upon any and all public ways, public



places, and other public accommodations and housing accommodations prescribed in § 20-14-303 and to be accompanied by a service dog as defined in Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as it existed on January 1, 2017, and shall not be required to pay any extra fee or charge for the service animal.

/s/Rapert