

# SENATE BILL No. 112

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 16-18-2-328.2; IC 16-32-3.5.

**Synopsis:** Service animals. Amends the definition of "service animal" to include a service animal in training for purposes of provisions governing service animals on the premises of a public accommodation. Provides that misrepresenting an animal as a service animal to obtain a right or privilege in a public accommodation is a Class C infraction.

**Effective:** July 1, 2025.

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January 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-18-2-328.2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.230-2023,  
2 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 328.2. (a) "Service animal", for purposes of  
4 IC 16-32-3, ~~and IC 16-32-3.5~~; has the meaning set forth in  
5 IC 16-32-3-1.5.

6 (b) "Service animal", for purposes of IC 16-32-3.5, has the  
7 meaning set forth in IC 16-32-3.5-3.

8 SECTION 2. IC 16-32-3.5-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.230-2023,  
9 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
10 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "service animal" ~~has~~  
11 ~~the meaning set forth in IC 16-32-3-1.5~~; **refers to a dog or miniature**  
12 **horse:**

- 13 (1) individually trained; or
- 14 (2) in training;
- 15 **to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a**
- 16 **disability.**

17 SECTION 3. IC 16-32-3.5-9, AS ADDED BY P.L.230-2023,



1 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
2 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 9. (a) A public accommodation shall not ask about  
3 the nature or extent of an individual's disability, but may make the  
4 following two (2) inquiries to determine whether an animal qualifies as  
5 a service animal:

6 (1) Whether the animal is required because of a disability.

7 (2) What work or task the animal:

8 (A) has been trained; or

9 (B) is in training;

10 to perform.

11 (b) A public accommodation shall not require documentation, such  
12 as proof that the animal:

13 (1) has been:

14 (1) (A) certified;

15 (2) (B) trained; or

16 (3) (C) licensed; or

17 (2) is in training;

18 as a service animal.

19 (c) A public accommodation may not make inquiries about a service  
20 animal's qualifications when it is readily apparent that the animal is:

21 (1) trained; or

22 (2) in training;

23 to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability.

24 SECTION 4. IC 16-32-3.5-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
25 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
26 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: **Sec. 12. A person who intentionally**  
27 **misrepresents an animal in the person's possession as a service**  
28 **animal in any public accommodation to obtain a right or privilege**  
29 **that is available to a person who qualifies to possess a service**  
30 **animal under state or federal law, knowing that the person is not**  
31 **entitled to those rights or privileges, commits misrepresentation of**  
32 **a service animal, a Class C infraction.**

