

HOUSE BILL 1040

By Cochran

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39;
Title 44; Title 65 and Title 66, relative to service
animals.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 44-17-404, is amended by deleting the language "guide dog" wherever it may appear and substituting instead "guide dog or assistance animal".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 44-17-404, is further amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following language as subsection (b):

(b) As used in subsection (a), "assistance animal" means an animal that works, provides assistance, or performs tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability, or provides emotional support that alleviates one (1) or more identified symptoms or effects of a person's disability.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.