

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4378

To amend the Americans with Disabilities Act to require that the same access to transportation and public accommodations be afforded to certified trainers of service animals as is afforded under such Act to individuals with disabilities who use such service animals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 16, 2009

Mr. KISSELL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ACCESS TO CERTIFIED TRAINERS OF SERVICE**
4 **ANIMALS.**

5 Title V of the Americans with Disabilities Act is
6 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 515. RIGHTS OF CERTIFIED TRAINERS OF SERVICE**
2 **ANIMALS.**

3 “(a) PROTECTIONS AFFORDED.—A licensed or cer-
4 tified trainer of a service animal, or a handler of such ani-
5 mal that has credentials issued by an accredited school
6 for training service animals, when accompanied by such
7 service animal, shall be afforded the same right of access
8 to public transportation, public accommodations, and
9 transportation services provided by private entities as is
10 afforded under titles II and III of this Act to individuals
11 with disabilities who use service animals. It shall be dis-
12 criminatory under this Act to afford such a trainer, when
13 accompanied by a service animal, with any service, facility,
14 privilege, advantage, or accommodation that is not equal
15 to that afforded to other individuals.

16 “(b) DEFINITION OF SERVICE ANIMAL.—As used in
17 this section, the term ‘service animal’ means a guide dog,
18 signal dog, or other animal individually trained or being
19 trained to provide assistance to an individual with a dis-
20 ability, regardless of whether such animal has been li-
21 censed or certified by a State or local government.

22 “(c) AUTHORITY TO REVISE REGULATIONS.—The
23 Secretary of Transportation and the Attorney General
24 shall each revise regulations issued under this Act as nec-
25 essary to carry out this section.”.