

**SERVICE ANIMALS**

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Ryan D. Wilcox**

Senate Sponsor: Allen M. Christensen

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill enacts language related to a municipal or county ordinance regulating the keeping of a service animal.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ allows a person to keep a service animal, a retired service animal, or both in addition to a limit on the number of dogs a person may keep set by a municipality or county; and
- ▶ makes technical corrections.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**10-8-65**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1967, Chapter 23

ENACTS:

**17-50-336**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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28 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

29 Section 1. Section **10-8-65** is amended to read:

30 **10-8-65. Regulation of dogs -- Service animals permitted.**

31 (1) A municipality may:

32 (a) license, tax, regulate, or prohibit the keeping of dogs[;]; and

33 (b) authorize the destruction, sale, or other disposal of [the same when] a dog if the dog  
34 is at large contrary to ordinance.

35 (2) (a) As used in this Subsection (2):

36 (i) "Retired service animal" means a dog that:

37 (A) at one time was a service animal for the current owner; and

38 (B) no longer provides service animal services for the owner because of the dog's age  
39 or other factors limiting the dog's service capability.

40 (ii) "Service animal" means ~~H~~→ [;

41 ~~—— (A) a service animal, as defined in Section [62A-5b-102](#); or~~

42 ~~—— (B) ←~~H~~ a police service canine, as defined in Section [53-16-102](#).~~

43 (b) If a municipality adopts a limit as to the number of dogs a person may keep, the  
44 municipality shall allow a person to keep a service animal, a retired service animal, or both in  
45 addition to that limit.

46 Section 2. Section **17-50-336** is enacted to read:

47 **17-50-336. Service animals permitted.**

48 (1) As used in this section:

49 (a) "Retired service animal" means a dog that:

50 (i) at one time was a service animal for the current owner; and

51 (ii) no longer provides service animal services to the owner because of the dog's age or  
52 other factors limiting the dog's service capability.

53 (b) "Service animal" means ~~H~~→ [;

54 ~~—— (i) a service animal, as defined in Section [62A-5b-102](#); or~~

55 ~~—— (ii) ←~~H~~ a police service canine, as defined in Section [53-16-102](#).~~

56 (2) If a county adopts a limit as to the number of dogs a person may keep, the county  
57 shall allow a person to keep a service animal, a retired service animal, or both in addition to  
58 that limit.

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