

SENATE FILE NO. SF0147

Service dogs-training and crimes.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Hutchings, Barlow, Crago, Pearson,
Rothfuss, Schuler and Steinmetz and
Representative(s) Geringer, Guggenmos,
Harshman, Locke, Lucas, Posey, Strock,
Styvar, Wasserburger and Webb

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the protection and rights of blind and
2 disabled persons; specifying that the rights and
3 obligations applicable to service and assistance animals
4 apply to service and assistance animals that are being
5 trained; increasing penalties related to injuring or
6 killing a service or assistance animal; and providing for
7 an effective date.

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9 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 35-13-205(a)(iv) and (viii) and
12 35-13-206(a) are amended to read:

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14 **35-13-205. Definitions.**

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2 (a) As used in this article:

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4 (iv) "Assistance animal" means an animal that
5 works, provides assistance or performs tasks for the
6 benefit of a person with a disability, or provides
7 emotional support that alleviates one (1) or more
8 identified symptoms or effects of a person's disability.
9 "Assistance animal" shall include an animal that is being
10 trained to work, provide assistance or perform tasks for
11 the benefit of a person with a disability, or to provide
12 emotional support that alleviates one (1) or more
13 identified symptoms or effects of a person's disability;

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15 (viii) "Service animal" means as defined in 28
16 C.F.R. 35.104 and 28 C.F.R. 36.104 and includes service
17 miniature horses pursuant to 28 C.F.R. 35.136 and 28 C.F.R.
18 36.302(c). "Service animal" shall include a dog that is
19 being trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit
20 of an individual with a disability.

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22 **35-13-206. Injuring or killing a service or**
23 **assistance animal prohibited; penalties.**

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2 (a) Any person who knowingly, willfully and without
3 lawful cause or justification inflicts, or permits or
4 directs any animal under his control or ownership to
5 inflict, serious bodily harm, permanent disability or death
6 upon any service animal or assistance animal is guilty of a
7 misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for ~~not more than~~
8 ~~six (6) months~~ less than one (1) year, a fine of not more
9 than ~~seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00)~~ five thousand
10 dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

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12 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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