

HB 442 -- PROFESSIONAL THERAPY DOGS (Hoskins)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety

This bill adds professional therapy dog to the definition of "service dog" as it relates to crimes against these animals or crimes of impersonating a disabled person. A "professional therapy dog" is defined as a dog that is selected, trained, and tested to provide specific physical therapeutic functions under the direction and control of a qualified handler who works with the dog as a team as a part of the handler's occupation or profession but does not include dogs used by volunteers in visitation therapy.