

HB 787 -- SERVICE DOGS

SPONSOR: Sommer

This bill revises the term "service dog" to include a psychiatric service dog that is trained to do work or perform tasks that mitigate or assist with the difficulties of its owner with a psychiatric disability, medical condition, or developmental disability recognized in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. Tasks include alerting or responding to episodes such as panic attacks and anxiety, and performing other tasks directly related to the owner's specific psychiatric disability, medical condition, or development disability. Psychiatric disability, medical condition, or development disability includes autism, epilepsy, a major depressive disorder, bipolar disorder, post traumatic stress disorder, anxiety disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, schizophrenia, and other mental illnesses.