

HB 142 -- 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 the difficulties of its owner with a psychiatric disability including picking up or retrieving objects, aiding with mobility, alerting or responding to episodes such as panic attacks and anxiety, and performing other tasks directly related to the owner's specific psychiatric disability. Psychiatric disability includes a major depressive disorder, bipolar disorder, post traumatic stress disorder, autism, anxiety disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, and schizophrenia.