



## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

SB1995

Introduced 2/10/2017, by Sen. Thomas Cullerton

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

215 ILCS 5/356z.25 new

Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that a group or individual policy of accident and health insurance or managed care plan amended, delivered, issued, or renewed after the effective date of the amendatory Act must provide coverage for the purchase of a service dog that is specially trained to assist blind, deaf, or mobility impaired persons or persons with a disability that is other than physical, including, but not limited to, anxiety disorders and post-traumatic stress disorder, provided the insured's treating health care provider certifies in writing that the service dog is medically necessary. Requires the service dog to be purchased from a nonprofit organization that is established for the training of such dogs and is an accredited member of a professional association of guide dog or service dog organizations.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Insurance Code is amended by adding  
5 Section 356z.25 as follows:

6 (215 ILCS 5/356z.25 new)

7 Sec. 356z.25. Coverage for service dogs. A group or  
8 individual policy of accident and health insurance or managed  
9 care plan amended, delivered, issued, or renewed after the  
10 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 100th General  
11 Assembly must provide coverage for the purchase of a service  
12 dog that is specially trained to assist blind, deaf, or  
13 mobility impaired persons or persons with a disability that is  
14 other than physical, including, but not limited to, anxiety  
15 disorders and post-traumatic stress disorder, provided the  
16 insured's treating health care provider certifies in writing  
17 that the service dog is medically necessary. Any such service  
18 dog shall be purchased from a nonprofit organization that is  
19 established for the training of such dogs and is an accredited  
20 member of a professional association of guide dog or service  
21 dog organizations.