



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB5128

Introduced 2/18/2020, by Rep. Lance Yednock

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/48-8.5 new

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Creates the offense of misrepresenting an animal as a service animal. Provides that a person commits the offense when he or she knowingly misrepresents an animal that is not a service animal as a service animal for the purpose of obtaining accommodation of the animal in a place of public accommodation that prohibits non-service animals or for the purpose of transportation of the animal on a public conveyance that prohibits non-service animals. Defines "place of public accommodation" and "service animal". Provides that a violation is a petty offense for which the court shall impose a fine of \$250 for a first offense, \$500 for a second offense, and \$750 for a third or subsequent offense. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

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

4 Section 5. The Criminal Code of 2012 is amended by adding
5 Section 48-8.5 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/48-8.5 new)

7 Sec. 48-8.5. Misrepresenting an animal as a service animal.

8 (a) In this Section:

9 "Place of public accommodation" has the meaning ascribed
10 to it in Section 5-101 of the Illinois Human Rights Act.

11 "Service animal" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section
12 48-8.

13 (b) A person commits misrepresenting an animal as a service
14 animal when he or she knowingly misrepresents an animal that is
15 not a service animal as a service animal for the purpose of
16 obtaining accommodation of the animal in a place of public
17 accommodation that prohibits non-service animals or for the
18 purpose of transportation of the animal on a public conveyance
19 that prohibits non-service animals.

20 (c) A violation of this Section is a petty offense for
21 which the court shall impose a fine of \$250 for a first
22 offense, \$500 for a second offense, and \$750 for a third or
23 subsequent offense.

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.