



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB3996

Introduced 3/4/2021, 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
8 animal.

9 (a) In this Section:

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

12 "Service animal" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section
13 48-8.

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

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

1 subsequent offense.

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