

House Bill 366

By: Representatives Bearden of the 68th, Meadows of the 5th, and Tumlin of the 38th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 30-4-2, relating to right to equal public accommodations and to be
2 accompanied by guide or service dog, so as to provide that every person engaged in the
3 raising of a dog for training as a guide or service dog shall have the right to be accompanied
4 by such dog in the same manner as a totally or partially blind, deaf, or physically disabled
5 person under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and
6 for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 30-4-2, relating to right to equal public accommodations and to be
10 accompanied by guide or service dog, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

11 "(b)(1) Every totally or partially blind person shall have the right to be accompanied by
12 a guide dog, and every physically disabled person and every deaf person shall have the
13 right to be accompanied by a service dog, especially trained for the purpose, in any of the
14 places listed in subsection (a) of this Code section without being required to pay an extra
15 charge for the guide or service dog; provided, however, that he or she shall be liable for
16 any damage done to the premises or facilities by such dog. In addition, if such totally or
17 partially blind person, physically disabled person, or deaf person is a student at a private
18 or public school in this state, such person shall have the right to be accompanied by a
19 guide dog or service dog subject to liability for damage as provided in the preceding
20 sentence. The guide dog or service dog must be identified as having been trained by a
21 school for seeing eye, hearing, service, or guide dogs.

22 (2) Every person engaged in the training of a guide dog or service dog for the purpose
23 of accompanying a person as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall have the
24 same right to be accompanied by such dog being trained as the totally or partially blind
25 person, deaf person, or physically disabled person has under paragraph (1) of this

1 subsection, so long as such trainer is identified as an agent or employee of a school for
2 seeing eye, hearing, service, or guide dogs.

3 (3) Every person engaged in the raising of a dog for training as a guide dog or service
4 dog for the purpose of accompanying a person as provided in paragraph (1) of this
5 subsection shall have the same right to be accompanied by such dog being raised for
6 training as the totally or partially blind person, deaf person, or physically disabled person
7 has under paragraph (1) of this subsection, so long as:

8 (A) Such dog is being held on a leash and is under the control of the person raising
9 such dog for an accredited school for seeing eye, hearing, service, or guide dogs;

10 (B) Such person has on his or her person and available for inspection credentials from
11 the accredited school for which the dog is being raised; and

12 (C) Such dog is wearing a collar, leash, or other appropriate apparel or device that
13 identifies such dog with the accredited school for which such dog is being raised."

14 **SECTION 2.**

15 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.