

House Bill 52

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 30-4-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to right  
2 of disabled persons to be accompanied by guide dog or service dog, so as to change certain  
3 terminology; to add public and private schools, public and private colleges, and public and  
4 private universities to the places where disabled persons may be accompanied by a guide or  
5 service dog; to prohibit the requiring of extra deposits for persons with guide or service dogs;  
6 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 SECTION 1.

9 Code Section 30-4-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to right of disabled  
10 persons to be accompanied by guide dog or service dog, is amended by revising the Code  
11 section as follows:

12 "30-4-2.

13 (a) Blind persons, persons with visual disabilities, persons with physical disabilities, and  
14 deaf persons are entitled to full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, and  
15 privileges on all common carriers, airplanes, motor vehicles, railroad trains, motor buses,  
16 streetcars, boats, or any other public conveyances or modes of transportation and at public  
17 or private schools, public or private colleges, public or private universities, hotels, lodging  
18 places, places of public accommodation, amusement, or resort, and other places to which  
19 the general public is invited, subject only to the conditions and limitations established by  
20 law and applicable alike to all persons.

21 (b)(1) Every totally or partially blind person shall have the right to be accompanied by  
22 a guide dog, and every physically disabled person and every deaf person shall have the  
23 right to be accompanied by a service dog, especially trained for the purpose, in any of the  
24 places listed in subsection (a) of this Code section without being required to pay ~~an~~ any  
25 extra deposit or charge for the guide or service dog; provided, however, that he or she  
26 shall be liable for any damage done to the premises or facilities by such dog. In addition,

27 if such totally or partially blind person, physically disabled person, or deaf person is a  
 28 student at a private or public school in this state, such person shall have the right to be  
 29 accompanied by a guide dog or service dog subject to liability for damage as provided  
 30 in the preceding sentence. The guide dog or service dog must be identified as having  
 31 been trained by a school for ~~seeing-eye~~, hearing, service, or guide dogs.

32 (2) Every person engaged in the training of a guide dog or service dog for the purpose  
 33 of accompanying a person as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall have the  
 34 same right to be accompanied by such dog being trained as the totally or partially blind  
 35 person, deaf person, or physically disabled person has under paragraph (1) of this  
 36 subsection, so long as such trainer is identified as an agent or employee of a school for  
 37 ~~seeing-eye~~, hearing, service, or guide dogs.

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

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

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

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

49 (c) Every totally or partially blind person operating a vending stand shall have the right to  
 50 be accompanied by a trained guide dog on the entire premises of his or her vending  
 51 operation."

52 **SECTION 2.**

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