**HOUSE BILL No. 4527**

April 28, 2015, Introduced by Reps. Rutledge, Hughes, Moss, Kelly, LaVoy, Driskell, Darany, Dianda, Pscholka, Glenn, Lyons, Singh, Townsend, Barrett, Faris and Potvin and referred to the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs.

     A bill to amend 1981 PA 82, entitled

"An act to prohibit the use of certain collars or harnesses and

leashes on dogs in public places, except by deaf, audibly impaired,

or otherwise physically limited persons; and to prescribe

penalties,"

by amending the title and sections 1, 2, and 3 (MCL 752.61, 752.62,

and 752.63), the title and sections 1 and 2 as amended by 1984 PA

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**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

TITLE

     An act to prohibit **a person from representing that he or she**

**is in possession of a service animal** in public places, **unless**

**that person is a person with a disability;** and to prescribe

penalties.

     Sec. 1. As used in this act:

**(a) "Person with a disability" means a person who satisfies**

**all of the following conditions:**

**(*i*) Has a physical or mental impairment that substantially**

**limits 1 or more major life activities.**

**(*ii*) Has a history or record of an impairment described in**

**subparagraph (*i*).**

**(*iii*) Is perceived by other persons as having an impairment**

**described in subparagraph (*i*).**

**(b) As used in subdivision (a), "person with a disability"**

**includes a veteran who has been diagnosed with 1 or more of the**

**following:**

**(*i*) Post-traumatic stress disorder.**

**(*ii*) Traumatic brain injury.**

**(*iii*) Other service-related disabilities.**

**(c) "Service animal" means a dog or a miniature horse that has**

**been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the**

**benefit of a person with a disability, including a physical,**

**sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability.**

     Sec. 2. A person, except **a person with a disability,** shall not

**falsely represent that he or she is**

in possession of a **service animal or service animal in training** in

any public place.

     Sec. 3. A person who knowingly violates this act is guilty of

a misdemeanorpunishable by **1 or more of the following:**

**(a) Imprisonment for not more than 90 days.**

**(b) A** fine of not more than **$500.00.**

**(c) Community service for not more than 30 days.**