**SENATE BILL No. 299**

April 28, 2015, Introduced by Senators O'BRIEN, JONES, BIEDA, HOOD, KNEZEK, HERTEL, BRANDENBURG, SCHUITMAKER, HOPGOOD, SCHMIDT, EMMONS, KNOLLENBERG, PROOS, ANANICH, NOFS, HORN, YOUNG, WARREN, HILDENBRAND, ZORN, ROCCA, MARLEAU, ROBERTSON, BOOHER and GREGORY and referred to the Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security.

     A bill to amend 1970 PA 207, entitled

"An act to exempt certain dogs from license fees,"

by amending the title and section 1 (MCL 287.291), the title as

amended by 1981 PA 74 and section 1 as amended by 2000 PA 4.

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

TITLE

     An act to exempt certain ~~dogs~~ **service animals** from license

fees.

     Sec. 1. (1) Notwithstanding any law or ordinance to the

contrary, a **service animal** is not subject to any fee for

licensing if either of the following applies:

     (a) The ~~dog~~ **service animal** is used **by** a person **with a**

**disability**.

     (b) The **service animal** is owned by a partnership,

corporation, or other legal entity that trains **service animals**

for use **by a person with a disability.**

     (2) As used in this section:

**(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.**