

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1428 Session of  
2017

INTRODUCED BY TALLMAN, READSHAW, MILLARD, WARD AND DRISCOLL,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MAY 22, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in forgery and fraudulent practices,  
3 providing for the offense of misrepresentation as service  
4 animal.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 4121. Misrepresentation as service animal.

10 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits the offense of  
11 misrepresentation as service animal if the person knowingly:

12 (1) creates a document that misrepresents an animal as a  
13 service animal;

14 (2) provides to another person documents falsely stating  
15 that an animal is a service animal;

16 (3) fits an animal, when the animal is not a service  
17 animal, with a harness, collar, vest or sign of the type  
18 commonly used by a person with a disability to indicate an  
19 animal is a service animal; or

1       (4) represents that an animal is a service animal when  
2       the animal has not completed training to perform disability-  
3       related tasks or disability-related work for a person with a  
4       disability.

5       (b) Grading.--A person who violates subsection (a) commits a  
6       summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay  
7       a fine in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.

8       (c) Definition.--As used in this section, "service animal"  
9       means a guide, signal or service dog or other aid animal that  
10       has been certified by a recognized authority to assist a person  
11       with a disability.

12       Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.