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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 603 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY A. WILLIAMS, MENSCH, SANTARSIERO, FARNESE, AUMENT,  
DINNIMAN, SCHWANK, COSTA, J. WARD, TARTAGLIONE AND BLAKE,  
APRIL 30, 2019

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REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, APRIL 30, 2019

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in trade and commerce, providing for  
3 the offense of misrepresentation of animal as guide, signal  
4 or service dog or other aid 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 § 7325.1. Misrepresentation of animal as guide, signal or  
10 service dog or other aid animal.

11 (a) Offense defined.--A person is guilty of a summary  
12 offense if he, for the purpose of using or accessing any  
13 accommodation, advantage, facility or privilege of a theatre,  
14 hotel, restaurant or other place of public accommodation,  
15 entertainment or amusement, misrepresents that an animal being  
16 used by the person is a service, guide or support dog or other  
17 aid animal certified by a recognized authority to assist an  
18 individual with a disability consistent with Federal and State

1 law related to service animals.

2 (b) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "service,  
3 guide or support dog" shall have the same meaning given to it  
4 under section 5531 (relating to definitions).

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