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## LEADER DOGS FOR BLIND PERSONS

### Act 207 of 1970

AN ACT to exempt certain dogs from license fees. AN ACT to exempt certain service animals from license fees.

**History:** 1970, Act 207, Imd. Eff. Aug. 25, 1970;—Am. 1981, Act 74, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1981;—Am. 2015, Act 145, Eff. Jan. 18, 2016.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

\*\*\*\*\* 287.291 THIS SECTION IS AMENDED EFFECTIVE JANUARY 18, 2016: See 287.291.amended \*\*\*\*\*

#### **287.291 Guide, leader, hearing, or service dogs not subject to licensing fee; definitions.**

Sec. 1. (1) Notwithstanding any law or ordinance to the contrary, a dog is not subject to any fee for licensing if either of the following applies:

(a) The dog is used as a guide or leader dog for a blind person, a hearing dog for a deaf or audibly impaired person, or a service dog for a physically limited person.

(b) The dog is owned by a partnership, corporation, or other legal entity that trains dogs for use as guide or leader dogs for blind persons, hearing dogs for deaf or audibly impaired persons, or service dogs for physically limited persons.

(2) As used in this section:

(a) "Audibly impaired" means audibly impaired as defined in section 1 of 1981 PA 82, MCL 752.61.

(b) "Blind person" means a blind person as defined in section 1 of 1978 PA 260, MCL 393.351.

(c) "Deaf person" means a deaf person as defined in section 1 of 1981 PA 82, MCL 752.61.

(d) "Physically limited" means physically limited as defined in section 1 of 1966 PA 1, MCL 125.1351.

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\*\*\*\*\* 287.291.amended THIS AMENDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 18, 2016 \*\*\*\*\*

#### **287.291.amended Service animal not subject to licensing fee; definitions.**

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 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 has a disability as defined in section 12102 of the Americans with disabilities act of 1990, 42 USC 12102, and 28 CFR 36.104.

(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 all of the following:

(i) That term as defined in 28 CFR 36.104.

(ii) A miniature horse that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks as described in 28 CFR 36.104 for the benefit of a person with a disability.

(d) "Veteran" means any of the following:

(i) A person who performed military service in the armed forces for a period of more than 90 days and separated from the armed forces in a manner other than a dishonorable discharge.

(ii) A person discharged or released from military service because of a service-related disability.

(iii) A member of a reserve branch of the armed forces at the time he or she was ordered to military service during a period of war, or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge is authorized, and was

released from military service in a manner other than a dishonorable discharge.

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