

ENROLLED ACT NO. 57, SENATE

SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2025 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to the protection and rights of blind and disabled persons; specifying that the rights and obligations applicable to service and assistance animals apply to service animals that are being trained; increasing penalties related to injuring or killing a service or assistance animal; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 35-13-205(a)(iv) and (viii) and 35-13-206(a) are amended to read:

35-13-205. Definitions.

(a) As used in this article:

(iv) "Assistance animal" means an animal that works, provides assistance or performs tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability, or provides emotional support that alleviates one (1) or more identified symptoms or effects of a person's disability;

(viii) "Service animal" means as defined in 28 C.F.R. 35.104 and 28 C.F.R. 36.104 and includes service miniature horses pursuant to 28 C.F.R. 35.136 and 28 C.F.R. 36.302(c). "Service animal" shall include a dog that is being trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability.

35-13-206. Injuring or killing a service or assistance animal prohibited; penalties.

(a) Any person who knowingly, willfully and without lawful cause or justification inflicts, or permits or directs any animal under his control or ownership to

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inflict, serious bodily harm, permanent disability or death upon any service animal or assistance animal is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for ~~not more than six (6) months~~ less than one (1) year, a fine of not more than ~~seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00)~~ five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk