

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB1178
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Research Analysis

HB 1178, as introduced, provides that any person that does not have a disability or is not training to assist individuals with disabilities who uses a service animal to gain treatment or benefits will be guilty of a misdemeanor, upon conviction. Additionally, no person will knowingly present any animal or therapy animal as a service animal to get any of the rights and privileges set forth for people with disabilities. Anyone who violates this will, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1178 prohibits individuals from intentionally misrepresenting any animal or therapy animal as a service animal. If convicted, the individual will face misdemeanor charges. This measure is not anticipated to have a direct fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.