



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5653**

LCO No. 1186



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
REP. RYAN, 139th Dist.  
SEN. OSTEN, 19th Dist.

**AN ACT ALLOWING FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE DOGS  
USED BY INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to allow for the certification of
- 2 a service dog used by individuals with mental health needs and to
- 3 afford such individuals all of the rights and protections afforded to
- 4 individuals with other health-related needs who use a service dog.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To ensure that individuals with mental health needs may have their service dogs certified and afford such individuals the same rights and protections afforded to individuals with other health-related needs who use a service dog.