

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 1309

By: Stark of the House

3 and

4 Stanley of the Senate

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7 [ disabled persons - prohibiting intentional  
8 misrepresentation of qualified service animals -  
9 effective date ]  
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12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 20 of Title 7, unless there is  
15 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. No person shall knowingly present any animal or therapy  
17 animal as a qualified service animal or intentionally misrepresent  
18 entitlement to an animal in his or her possession as a qualified  
19 service animal for the purpose of obtaining any of the rights or  
20 privileges set forth in state or federal law for an individual with  
21 a disability.

22 B. Any person who violates the provisions of subsection A of  
23 this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

24 C. For purposes of this section:

1. "Qualified service animal" shall mean any dog individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual or other mental disability. Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not service animals for purposes of this definition; and

2. "Therapy animal" shall mean an animal selected to accompany an individual with a disability that does not work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability and does not accompany at all times an individual with a disability.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

Passed the House of Representatives the 12th day of March, 2019.

Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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