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SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1728

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By House Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Eddy, Rodne, Green, Goodman, Kagi, and Kenney)

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- AN ACT Relating to requiring businesses where food for human consumption is sold or served to allow persons with disabilities to bring their service animals onto the business premises; amending RCW 49.60.215; and adding a new section to chapter 49.60 RCW.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 49.60.215 and 2009 c 164 s 2 are each amended to read 7 as follows:
- (1) It shall be an unfair practice for any person or the person's 8 9 agent or employee to commit an act which directly or indirectly results 10 in any distinction, restriction, or discrimination, or the requiring of 11 any person to pay a larger sum than the uniform rates charged other persons, or the refusing or withholding from any person the admission, 12 13 patronage, custom, presence, frequenting, dwelling, staying, or lodging in any place of public resort, accommodation, assemblage, or amusement, 14 15 except for conditions and limitations established by law and applicable 16 to all persons, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, 17 sexual orientation, sex, honorably discharged veteran or military 18 status, status as a mother breastfeeding her child, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog 19

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guide or service animal by a person with a disability: PROVIDED, That this section shall not be construed to require structural changes, modifications, or additions to make any place accessible to a person with a disability except as otherwise required by law: PROVIDED, That behavior or actions constituting a risk to property or other persons can be grounds for refusal and shall not constitute an unfair practice.

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(2) This section does not apply to food establishments, as defined in section 2 of this act, with respect to the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. Food establishments are subject to section 2 of this act with respect to trained dog guides and service animals.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 49.60 RCW to read as follows:

- (1) It shall be an unfair practice for any person or the person's agent or employee to commit an act which directly or indirectly results in any distinction, restriction, or discrimination, or the requiring of any person to pay a larger sum than the uniform rates charged other persons, or the refusing or withholding from any person the admission, patronage, custom, presence, frequenting, dwelling, staying, or lodging in any food establishment, except for conditions and limitations established by law and applicable to all persons, on the basis of the use of a dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability: PROVIDED, That this section shall not be construed to require structural changes, modifications, or additions to make any place accessible to a person with a disability except as otherwise required by law: PROVIDED, That behavior or actions constituting a risk to property or other persons can be grounds for refusal and shall not constitute an unfair practice.
- (2) A food establishment shall make reasonable modifications in policies, practices, or procedures to permit the use of a miniature horse by an individual with a disability in accordance with subsection (1) of this section if the miniature horse has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of the individual with a disability. In determining whether reasonable modifications in policies, practices, or procedures can be made to allow a miniature horse into a facility, a food establishment shall act in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

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(3) For the purposes of this section:

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- 2 (a) "Service animal" means any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a 3 disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, 4 or other mental disability. Except as provided in subsection (2) of 5 this section, other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, 6 trained or untrained, are not service animals. The work or tasks 7 performed by a service animal must be directly related to the 8 9 individual's disability. Examples of work or tasks include, but are not limited to, assisting individuals who are blind or have low vision 10 with navigation and other tasks, alerting individuals who are deaf or 11 12 hard of hearing to the presence of people or sounds, providing 13 nonviolent protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, assisting an individual during a seizure, alerting individuals to the presence of 14 15 allergens, retrieving items such as medicine or the telephone, providing physical support and assistance with balance and stability to 16 individuals with mobility disabilities, and helping persons with 17 psychiatric and neurological disabilities by preventing or interrupting 18 19 impulsive or destructive behaviors. The crime deterrent effects of an 20 animal's presence and the provision of emotional support, well-being, 21 comfort, or companionship do not constitute work or tasks.
 - (b) "Food establishment" means a place of business that sells or serves food for human consumption with a North American industry classification system code within "445110," "445120," "445210," "445220," "445230," "445291," "445292," "445299," "452910," "722110," "722211," "722212," "722213," or "722410."

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