

**LEADER DOGS FOR BLIND PERSONS**  
**Act 207 of 1970**

AN ACT to exempt certain service animals from license fees.

**History:** 1970, Act 207, Imd. Eff. Aug. 25, 1970;—Am. 1981, Act 74, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1981;—Am. 2015, Act 145, Eff. Jan. 18, 2016.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**287.291 Service animal not subject to licensing fee; definitions.**

Sec. 1. (1) Notwithstanding any law or ordinance to the contrary, a service animal is not subject to any fee for licensing if either of the following applies:

(a) The service animal is used by a person with a disability.

(b) The service animal is owned by a partnership, corporation, or other legal entity that trains service animals for use by a person with a disability.

(2) As used in this section:

(a) "Person with a disability" means a person who has a disability as defined in section 12102 of the Americans with disabilities act of 1990, 42 USC 12102, and 28 CFR 36.104.

(b) As used in subdivision (a), "person with a disability" includes a veteran who has been diagnosed with 1 or more of the following:

(i) Post-traumatic stress disorder.

(ii) Traumatic brain injury.

(iii) Other service-related disabilities.

(c) "Service animal" means all of the following:

(i) That term as defined in 28 CFR 36.104.

(ii) A miniature horse that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks as described in 28 CFR 36.104 for the benefit of a person with a disability.

(d) "Veteran" means any of the following:

(i) A person who performed military service in the armed forces for a period of more than 90 days and separated from the armed forces in a manner other than a dishonorable discharge.

(ii) A person discharged or released from military service because of a service-related disability.

(iii) A member of a reserve branch of the armed forces at the time he or she was ordered to military service during a period of war, or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge is authorized, and was released from military service in a manner other than a dishonorable discharge.

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