

216C.11 Service dogs and assistive animals.

1. For purposes of [this section](#), “*service dog*” means a dog specially trained to assist a person with a disability, whether described as a service dog, a support dog, an independence dog, or otherwise. “*Assistive animal*” means a simian or other animal specially trained or in the process of being trained to assist a person with a disability.

2. A person with a disability, a person assisting a person with a disability by controlling a service dog or an assistive animal, or a person training a service dog or an assistive animal has the right to be accompanied by a service dog or an assistive animal, under control, in any of the places listed in [sections 216C.3](#) and [216C.4](#) without being required to make additional payment for the service dog or assistive animal. A landlord shall waive lease restrictions on the keeping of animals for the service dog or assistive animal of a person with a disability. The person is liable for damage done to any premises or facility by a service dog or assistive animal.

3. A person who knowingly denies or interferes with the right of a person under this section is, upon conviction, guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

[88 Acts, ch 1067, §1](#)

[C89, §601D.11](#)

[91 Acts, ch 69, §1](#)

[C93, §216C.11](#)

[96 Acts, ch 1129, §113](#); [2009 Acts, ch 163, §1](#); [2010 Acts, ch 1069, §27](#); [2010 Acts, ch 1079, §9](#)

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