

**House File 2599 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2333)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the right of access for persons with  
2 disabilities and service animals and modifying penalties.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 216C.11, subsection 1, Code 2026, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. A person with a disability, a person assisting a  
4 person with a disability by controlling a service animal or  
5 a service-animal-in-training, or a person training a service  
6 animal has the right to be accompanied by a service animal  
7 or service-animal-in-training, under control, in any of the  
8 places listed in sections 216C.3 and 216C.4 and any other  
9 place where a service animal or service-animal-in-training  
10 is otherwise permitted or allowed by law without being  
11 required to make additional payment for the service animal or  
12 service-animal-in-training. The person is liable for damage  
13 done to any premises or facility by a service animal or a  
14 service-animal-in-training.

15 EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 Under current law, a person with a disability, a person  
19 assisting a person with a disability by controlling a service  
20 animal or a service-animal-in-training, or a person training a  
21 service animal has the right to be accompanied by a service  
22 animal or service-animal-in-training to streets, highways,  
23 sidewalks, walkways, public buildings, public places, public  
24 elevators, public facilities, common carriers, airplanes, motor  
25 vehicles, railroad trains, motorbuses, streetcars, boats, public  
26 conveyances or modes of transportation, hotels, lodging places,  
27 eating places, places of public accommodation or amusement or  
28 resort, and other places the general public is invited. A person  
29 who knowingly denies or interferes with this right is guilty of  
30 a simple misdemeanor. This bill specifies that the right to  
31 be accompanied by a service animal or service-animal-in-training  
32 also applies in any other place where a service animal or  
33 service-animal-in-training is permitted or allowed under state or  
34 federal law.