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HB 1362 - AS INTRODUCED

2012 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL

1362

AN ACT

establishing a service animal registration commission.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Schlachman, Rock 13; Rep. Copeland, Rock 13

COMMITTEE:

Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a service animal registration commission.

Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twelve

AN ACT establishing a service animal registration commission.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Section; Service Animal Registration Commission. Amend RSA 167-D by inserting after
2 section 10 the following new section:

3 167-D:11 Service Animal Registration Commission. There is established a commission to study
4 the registration of service animals.

5 I. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

6 (a) One member of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of
7 representatives.

8 (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

9 (c) One member from the governor's commission on disability, appointed by the commission.

10 (d) One member of the Dog Guide Users of New Hampshire, appointed by that organization.

11 (e) One member of the New Hampshire City and Town Clerks' Association, appointed by
12 the association.

13 (f) One member from division of vocational rehabilitation, department of education,
14 appointed by the director of the division.

15 (g) One member from Granite State Independent Living appointed by that organization.

16 (h) One member who uses a service animal, appointed by the governor.

17 II. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when
18 attending to the duties of the commission.

19 III. The commission shall study the registration of service animals.

20 IV. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The
21 first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting
22 of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Four members of
23 the commission shall constitute a quorum.

24 V. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
25 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
26 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2012.

27 2 Repeal. RSA 167-D:11, relative to the service animal registration commission, is repealed.

28 3 Effective Date.

29 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect November 2, 2012.

30 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

Amendments

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19 animal trainer, as defined in RSA 167-D:1, V, and the owner shall present a letter from a health care
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2012-0490h

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Speakers

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1362

BILL TITLE: establishing a service animal registration commission.

DATE: 2/9/2012

LOB ROOM: 306 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 10:00 am

Time Adjourned: 11:05 am

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. McGuire, Hawkins, P. Brown, Sytek, Day, Pratt, Vita, Perkins, Winter, Bowers, Hansen, Froulx, Whitehead, P. Schmidt, Pilotte, Jeudy and Sullivan.

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TESTIMONY

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Rep. Schlachman – Introduction – Guide dogs of NH – About 20 for permanent for dogs, no fiscal note – will try to get paid by others. Amendment replaces Bill Line 13-22 Page 1, Lines 7 -11 on Page 2.

Rep. Spec Bowers – If they don't get permanent tag will person have to go to Town clerk?

Rep. Schlachman – doesn't know. 436:2, vets responsibility to ^{send} ~~sent~~ information to Town Clerk.

Rep. Peter Hansen – If dog not immunized how will they be tracked down

Rep. Schlachman – Not sure, thinks individual towns would check – (167-07)

Rep. Steve Winter – Line 3 Commission Est. not in amendment.

Rep. Schlachman – Governor commission on Disability takes care of.

Sandra Teti – Registration is free (has service dog). Dog information is mailed, registration only once (ABI – Dog has to pass), Pet Food Company might be willing to sponsor.

Rep. Randall Whitehead – If person cannot get to a vet would he come out.

***Sandra Teti** – yes, most do

Rep. Maurice Pilotte – Cost to train dog?

Sandra Teti – There isn't. Most trainers do, if not a small fee is usually charged

Rep. Maurice Pilotte – Armed service dogs or retired custom dogs used?

***Nancy Johnson** – NH City and Town clerk association – Not opposed to bill, once dog is established in system it does not have to be re registered.

Rep. Mark Proulx – Does town send information on rabies

Nancy Johnson – No

Carol Adams – Trained her own dog

John Richards – Gets calls about people coming in the stores and he has to check.

Rep. Carol McGuire – how many in the state?

John Richards – About 80.

Rep. Maurice Pilotte – Check up when dog tag is issued will clerk be notified

John Richards – Yes

*** Jeff Richardson** – GSIL – changes made in Bill are in red. Some dogs wear special tags.

Rep. Carol McGuire – Would all dogs have to be certified

Jeff Richardson – Yes

Rep. Maurice Pilotte – How much? Do you see a need for certain amount charged?

Jeff Richardson – No, it all depends

Rep. Russell Day – Keeping track of rabies shots

Ronald Finecokinro – Guide dogs users of NH – Dog must have physical and tattoo on ear and leg. In order for dog to be certified they must have rabies shot papers.

Respectfully submitted,



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- REP BOWERS - IF THEY DON'T GET PERMANENT TAG - WILL PERSON HAVE TO GO TO TOWN CLERK
- REP SCHLACHMAN - DOESN'T KNOW 436:2 - VETS RESPONSIBILITY TO SEND INFO TO TOWN CLERK
- REP HANSON - IF DOG NOT IMMUNIZED - HOW WILL THEY BE TRACKED DOWN
- REP SCHLACHMAN - NOT SURE - THINKS INDIVIDUAL TOWNS WILL CHECK - (67-07) FARE.
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REP SCHUCHMAN AMENDMENT.

CON. COMMISSION ON DISABILITY
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SANDRA TETI -- REGISTRATION IS FREE (HAS SERVICE DOG)
- DOG INFO IS MAILED TO DOG
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PET FOOD CO. MIGHT BE WILLING TO SPONSOR

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WHAT HAPPENS -

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RONALD FINECKIWO - GUIDE DOG USERS OF NH

- DOG USERS MUST HAVE PHYSICAL - TATTOO ON EAR + LEG -

- IN ORDER FOR DOG TO BE CERTIFIED - MUST HAVE RABIES SHOT PAPERS

Sub-Committee Minutes

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Testimony



NEW HAMPSHIRE CITY AND TOWN CLERKS' ASSOCIATION
(ORGANIZED OCTOBER 19, 1926)

February 9, 2012

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House Executive Departments & Administration
Legislative Office Building, Room 306
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Madam Chair Carol McGuire and Members of the Committee,

I am Sandra Teti. As a service dog user, I support HB 1362.

For service dog owners who wish to do so, this bill would make it much easier for those of us with disabilities to register our service dogs.

Under RSA 466:8, our registration tags are free once we have provided proof by showing certification from a recognized training school, however, we must register them annually. For some with severe disabilities, the annual trip to the city/town clerk's office is difficult and a few service dogs go unregistered. A one time trip for these people, is manageable. Rabies vaccination documentation, when due, is easily mailed to the city/town clerk.

It also means less work for the city/town clerk as a service dog, until it has retirement^d, would only have to be registered once as opposed to annually.

Since registration tags are free for those of us who can provide proof, we feel it is only right to extend the same service to those who self train their dogs. In order to receive our dogs from a training school, we must submit medical records. Once trained, our dogs must pass, the Assistant Dogs International (ADI) public access test before we can leave for home with them. We feel that owners with medical documentation whose dogs pass the same test our dogs must pass, should be afforded the same free permanent registration tags.

The Governor's Commission on Disability would distribute these tags upon receiving applicable documentation.

NH would follow the lead of such states as OH and CA who already have permanent service dog registration laws in effect.

The cost of this is minimal. I suspect a pet food company might even be willing to sponsor this cause, thus covering this small expense for us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCORD

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Re: HR 1362

Chairwoman McGuire and Honorable Members of the Executive Departments and Administration Committee. I am pleased to come before you today as the sponsor of HB1362. Last year, after the successful adoption by New Hampshire of the new definition of "service animal" under the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act, I was asked to file a bill to enact permanent service dog registration in New Hampshire. Annual registration may seem to be an inconsequential requirement. If you have impaired mobility, however, it can be anything but inconsequential. This legislation seeks to remove a statutory requirement that does nothing to enhance the life of a person who uses a service animal, and its enactment will not jeopardize public safety. In addition, this presents an option, not a requirement, for permanent registration.

You have before you an amendment (#2012-0490h) that replaces HB 1362 – which creates a study commission. I apologize for any inconvenience replacing the bill with an amendment may have caused you, or the public, in preparing for this hearing. In the time since filing the bill, I have been in contact with almost everyone who would have been represented on the Commission. There have been many revisions based on their input, and it is my hope that our work has yielded an amendment that addresses issues people have raised in the past. I understand that there have been other attempts to achieve permanent registration for service dogs. To assist in your work, I am including the current statute below.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donna Schlachman".

Donna Schlachman
Rockingham District #13
Exeter, North Hampton, Stratham

Current NH law regarding registration of service animals which the amendment seeks to repeal and replace is as follows:

466:8 Exemption From. – No fee shall be required for the registration and licensing of a dog which has served with the forces of the United States and has received an honorable discharge therefrom. No fee shall be required for the registration and licensing of a guide dog which is used as a guide for a blind person, a hearing ear dog which is used by a deaf person, or a service dog which is used by a mobility impaired person. When a blind, a deaf or hearing impaired, or mobility impaired person is applying for a license, he shall present a proper identification card from a recognized guide dog, hearing ear dog, or service dog training agency or school.



Service Dog Guide



Dog Guide Users of New Hampshire
www.dogguldeusersnh.org



Service Dogs are Everywhere!



Be Smart — Be Aware

Service Dogs are an extension of the people they help. They help people with disabilities to be more independent

and productive in day to day life.

NEVER . . .

- **Touch,**
- **Make eye contact,**
- **Feed,**
- **Talk to, or**
- **Distract**

a service dog without permission of his or her partner. Service dogs are friendly, but these distractions may prevent the dog from doing its duty . . . and could put the partner in harm's way!

About Dog Guide Users of NH

The Dog Guide Users of New Hampshire is a voluntary group of people who have service dogs or have an interest in working or training service dogs. We are a social group with the dual purpose of support and education. We give support to each other as Service Dog users and help each other with our canine issues. We also educate the public about our

dogs, through school and organization visits, quarterly meetings and our website. We also work to improve the laws that affect us and our working partners.

Anyone who might be interested in getting a dog guide or service dog is welcome to attend our meetings and learn about what is involved in becoming a service dog handler.

DGUNH Meetings

Our Dutch-treat luncheon meetings are held on Saturdays in Concord, We meet quarterly throughout the year; we bring in speakers who address our canine interests. There is always discussion time during meetings to chat about common concerns.

Puppy raisers—and their puppies—are encouraged to attend and are warmly welcomed. Presently we have raisers and puppies from several different training schools who regularly attend our meetings.



Please contact us at (603) 434-6042 if you would like to attend one our meetings.

Q: What are the laws that apply to my business?

A: Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), privately owned businesses that serve the public, such as restaurants, hotels, retail stores, taxi cabs, theaters, concert halls and sports facilities are prohibited from discriminating against individuals with disabilities.

Q: How can I tell if an animal is really a service animal and not just a pet?

A: Some, but not all, service animals wear special collars and harnesses. Some, but not all, are licensed or certified and have identification papers. If you are not certain that an animal is a service animal, you may ask the person who has the animal if it is a service animal required because of a disability.

Q: What if a service animal barks or growls at other people or otherwise acts out of control?

A: You may exclude any animal, including a service animal from your facility when that animal's behavior poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others. You may not make assumptions, however, about how a particular animal is likely to behave based on your past experience with other animals. Each situation must be considered individually.

What is a Service Dog?

In the United States, the term "Service Dog" may be used synonymously with "Assistance Dog". An Assistance Dog is a dog trained to help a person with a disability in daily life. Many are trained by a specific organization, while others are trained by their handler, sometimes with the help of a professional trainer.

Classifications:

There are three general types into which an Assistance Dog may be further classified. Most Assistance Dogs will be trained for only one of these, though "combination" dogs do exist.

Dog Guides assist the blind and visually impaired.

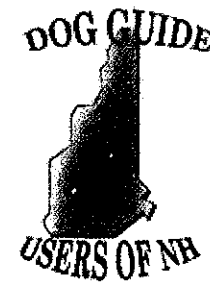
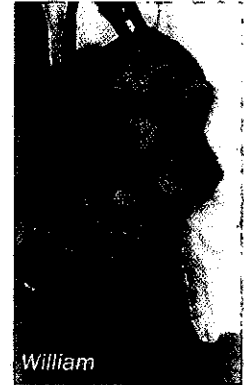
Hearing Dogs, or Signal Dogs, help the deaf and heard of hearing.

Service Dogs describes dogs not specifically trained for visual or hearing impairment, such as Mobility Assistance Dogs, Seizure Response Dogs, and Psychiatric Service Dogs.



DGUNH's Mission

The Dog Guide Users of New Hampshire is a support group that promotes the use of Service Dogs for the disabled through peer support, advocacy, education, and public awareness. The Dog Guide Users of New Hampshire also embraces all individuals who are interested in the care, handling, and/or raising of Guide, Hearing and Service Dogs for independent living.



Our sincerest thanks to the Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation of NH for funding this brochure; to the NH Association for the Blind for its ongoing support; and to John Vecchiolla and Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Yorktown Heights, NY, for the cover photograph of Patrice.

Service Dog Guide

www.dogguideusersnh.org
Info@dogguideusersnh.org

For more information about businesses and service animals go to www.dogguideusersnh.org/Resources/LocalBusinessesandServiceAnimalsFAQ.htm

Telephone: (603) 434-6042

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1362

BILL TITLE: establishing a service animal registration commission.

DATE: ~~12/15/2012~~ 2/15/12

LOB ROOM: 306

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #: 2012 0490H

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Pratt

Seconded by Rep. Proulx

Vote: 14-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

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CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: *yes*

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Carol Vita, Clerk

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DATE: *Dec 15 - 12*

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

Bill #: HB 1362 Title: ESTABLISHING A SERVICE ANIMAL REGISTRATION
COMMISSION

PH Date: 2, 9, 12 Exec Session Date: 2, 15, 12

Motion: OTP/A Amendment #: 04904

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
McGuire, Carol M, Chairman	X	
Hawkins, Kenneth, V Chairman	X	
Sytek, John	X	
Day, Russell C	X	
Pratt, Calvin D	X	
Vita, Carol M, Clerk	X	
Perkins, Lawrence B	X	
Winter, Steven J	X	
Bowers, Spec	X	
Brown, Paul E		
Hansen, Peter T	X	
Proulx, Mark L	X	
Whitehead, Randall A		
Schmidt, Peter B	X	
Pilotte, Maurice L	X	
Jeudy, Jean L	X	
Sullivan, Daniel J		
TOTAL VOTE:	14	0

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

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 Motion: OTP Amendment #: 0490H

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Pratt, Calvin D	X	
Vita, Carol M, Clerk	X	
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Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

February 16, 2012

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND
ADMINISTRATION to which was referred HB1362,

AN ACT establishing a service animal registration
commission. Having considered the same, report the
same with the following amendment, and the
recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS WITH
AMENDMENT.

Rep. Calvin D Pratt

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION
Bill Number:	HB1362
Title:	establishing a service animal registration commission.
Date:	February 16, 2012
Consent Calendar:	YES
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

STATEMENT OF INTENT

As amended, creates a one-time registration option for service animals that have been certified as such and properly tagged by the Governor's Commission on disability. Upon the death or retirement of the service animal, the registration expires and the tag must be returned. All other state and local ordinances regarding service animals remain in effect. Misrepresenting an animal as a service animal is unlawful.

Vote 14-0.

Rep. Calvin D Pratt
FOR THE COMMITTEE

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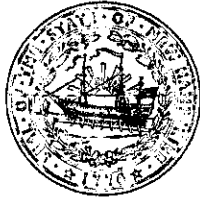
CONSENT CALENDAR

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB1362, establishing a service animal registration commission. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Calvin D Pratt for EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION. As amended, creates a one-time registration option for service animals that have been certified as such and properly tagged by the Governor's Commission on disability. Upon the death or retirement of the service animal, the registration expires and the tag must be returned. All other state and local ordinances regarding service animals remain in effect. Misrepresenting an animal as a service animal is unlawful. **Vote 14-0.**

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File



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CONCORD

HB 1362, ^{as amended,} CREATES A ONE-TIME REGISTRATION OPTION FOR SERVICE ANIMALS THAT HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED AS SUCH AND PROPERLY TAGGED BY THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY. UPON THE DEATH OR RETIREMENT OF THE SERVICE ANIMAL, THE REGISTRATION EXPIRES AND THE TAG MUST BE RETURNED. ALL OTHER STATE AND LOCAL ORDINANCES REGARDING SERVICE ANIMALS REMAIN IN EFFECT. MISREPRESENTING AN ANIMAL AS A SERVICE ANIMAL IS UNLAWFUL.

Robert J. P. H.

M. Levine