HOUSE BILL 1117

AN ACT relative to creating a committee to study the protection of business operators against requests to accommodate customers with fraudulent or untrained service animals.

SPONSORS: Rep. Stringham, Graf. 3

COMMITTEE: Commerce and Consumer Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill creates a committee to study the protection of business operators against requests to accommodate customers with fraudulent or untrained service animals.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.
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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the protection of business operators against requests to accommodate customers with fraudulent or untrained service animals.

2 Membership and Compensation.
   I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:
      (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
      (b) Three members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.
   II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the committee.

3 Duties. The committee shall study the protection of business operators against requests to accommodate fraudulent or untrained service animals.

4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Four members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2024.

6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.