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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3621

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to public safety; prohibiting misrepresentation of a service animal to gain  
1.3 benefits; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 609.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **[609.6865] MISREPRESENTATION OF SERVICE ANIMAL.**

1.6 (a) It is a misdemeanor to knowingly misrepresent the use of an animal as a service  
1.7 animal in any place, accommodation, or conveyance for the purposes of securing the  
1.8 rights or benefits accorded to persons with disabilities under chapters 256C and 363A or  
1.9 the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended.

1.10 (b) For purposes of this section, "service animal" means a service animal as defined  
1.11 by the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended.

1.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2016, and applies to crimes  
1.13 committed on or after that date.