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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to commerce; requiring a person who sells emotional support dogs to

1.3 provide notice that the dog is not a service dog; increasing criminal penalties for

1.4 misrepresenting service animals; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section

1.5 609.833, subdivision 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,

1.6 chapter 325F.

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

1.8 Section 1. **[325F.793] SALE OF EMOTIONAL SUPPORT DOGS.**

1.9 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purpose of this section, the following terms have

1.10 the meanings given.

1.11 (b) "Emotional support dog" means a dog that senses an event or helps alleviate symptoms

1.12 of a disability.

1.13 (c) "Service dog" means a dog specially trained to perform specific tasks for a person

1.14 with a disability.

1.15 Subd. 2. **Written notice requirement.** (a) A person that sells or provides a dog for use

1.16 as an emotional support dog must provide written notice to the buyer or recipient of the dog

1.17 that states:

1.18 (1) the dog does not have the special training required to qualify as a service dog;

1.19 (2) the dog is not entitled to the rights and privileges provided by law to a service dog;

1.20 and

1.21 (3) a person that intentionally misrepresents that the person is the owner or trainer of a

1.22 qualified service dog violates section 609.833.

2.1 (b) The written notice must be (1) made in at least 12-point bold type, and (2) provided
2.2 on the purchase receipt for the emotional support dog or on a separate piece of paper.

2.3 Subd. 3. **Enforcement.** The attorney general may enforce this section under section
2.4 8.31.

2.5 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.833, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

2.6 Subd. 3. **Penalty.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), a person who violates
2.7 subdivision 2 is guilty of a ~~petty~~ misdemeanor.

2.8 (b) A person who violates subdivision 2 a second or subsequent time is guilty of a gross
2.9 misdemeanor.

2.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2026, and applies to crimes
2.11 committed on or after that date.