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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION

H. F. No. 1181

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Civil Law
03/20/2013 Adoption of Report: Pass as Amended and Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human rights; ensuring public accommodations for blind and disabled
1.3 persons; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 363A.19.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 363A.19, is amended to read:

1.6 363A.19 DISCRIMINATION AGAINST BLIND, DEAF, OR OTHER
1.7 PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL OR SENSORY DISABILITIES PROHIBITED.

1.8 (a) It is an unfair discriminatory practice for an owner, operator, or manager of a
1.9 hotel, restaurant, public conveyance, or other public place to prohibit a blind or deaf
1.10 person or a person with a physical or sensory disability from taking a service animal, as
1.11 defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, Code of Federal Regulations, title 111,
1.12 part 35, section 36.104, into the public place or conveyance if the service animal can be
1.13 properly identified as being from a recognized program which trains service animals to aid
1.14 blind or deaf persons or persons with physical or sensory disabilities, and if the service
1.15 animal is properly harnessed or leashed so that the blind or deaf person or a person with a
1.16 physical or sensory disability may maintain control of the service animal.

1.17 (b) No person shall require a blind, physically disabled, or deaf person to make an
1.18 extra payment or pay an additional charge when taking a service animal into any of the
1.19 public places referred to in paragraph (a).