

**SENATE**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**EIGHTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE**

**S.F. No. 1086**

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A bill for an act

relating to human rights; ensuring public accommodations for blind and disabled persons; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 363A.19.

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

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

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

(a) It is an unfair discriminatory practice for an owner, operator, or manager of a hotel, restaurant, public conveyance, or other public place to prohibit a blind or deaf person or a person with a physical or sensory disability from taking a service animal into the public place or conveyance ~~if the service animal can be properly identified as being from a recognized program which trains service animals to aid blind or deaf persons~~ or persons with physical or sensory disabilities, and if the service animal is properly harnessed or leashed so that the blind or deaf person or a person with a physical or sensory disability may maintain control of the service animal.

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

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