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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; making certain fraudulent conduct relating to service
1.3 animals a crime; imposing criminal penalties; proposing coding for new law in
1.4 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 609.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[609.833] FRAUDULENT CONDUCT; SERVICE ANIMALS.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** As used in this section:

1.8 (1) "place of public accommodation" has the meaning given in section 363A.03,
1.9 subdivision 34; and

1.10 (2) "service animal" has the meaning given in section 343.20, subdivision 7.

1.11 Subd. 2. **Crime described.** A person who, with the intent of wrongfully obtaining money,
1.12 property, access to a place of public accommodation, or any other tangible benefit, falsely
1.13 represents to another through statements or conduct that an animal the person owns or
1.14 controls is a service animal when the animal is not, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

1.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018, and applies to crimes
1.16 committed on or after that date.