

CHAPTER 14—S.F.No. 1086

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.

Presented to the governor April 18, 2013

Signed by the governor April 22, 2013, 11:17 a.m.