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As Engrossed: S3/14/17

A Bill

SENATE BILL 227

5 By: Senator Rapert
6 *By: Representative D. Meeks*
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE PATRICIA HEATH ACT; TO INCLUDE
10 ALL SERVICE DOGS AUTHORIZED FOR ACCOMPANIMENT UNDER
11 THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT IN THE RIGHT OF
12 INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A
13 SERVICE ANIMAL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

16 AN ACT TO CREATE THE PATRICIA HEATH ACT;
17 TO INCLUDE ALL SERVICE DOGS AUTHORIZED
18 FOR ACCOMPANIMENT UNDER THE AMERICANS
19 WITH DISABILITY ACT IN THE RIGHT OF
20 INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES TO BE
21 ACCOMPANIED BY A SERVICE ANIMAL.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Title.
28 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Patricia Heath Act".
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30 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-14-304(a), concerning the right of an
31 individual with disabilities to be accompanied by a service animal, is
32 amended to read as follows:

33 (a) Every individual with visual, hearing, or other ~~physical~~
34 disabilities ~~shall have~~ has the right to be accompanied by a service animal
35 especially trained to do work or to perform tasks for the benefit of an
36 individual with a disability in or upon any and all public ways, public



1 places, and other public accommodations and housing accommodations prescribed
2 in § 20-14-303 and to be accompanied by a service dog as defined in Titles II
3 and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as it existed on January 1,
4 2017, and shall not be required to pay any extra fee or charge for the
5 service animal.

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