

**SENATE BILL NO. 456**

March 23, 1999, Introduced by Senators PETERS, BYRUM, DUNASKISS, MC MANUS, A. SMITH, DE BEAUSSAERT, HART, STILLE and GOUGEON and referred to the Committee on Farming, Agribusiness and Food Systems.

A bill to amend 1970 PA 207, entitled  
"An act to exempt certain dogs from license fees,"  
by amending section 1 (MCL 287.291), as amended by 1984 PA 112.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 1. (1) Notwithstanding any law or ordinance to the  
2 contrary, a dog ~~which~~ is NOT SUBJECT TO ANY FEE FOR LICENSING  
3 IF EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:

4       (A) THE DOG IS used as a guide or leader dog for a blind  
5 person, a hearing dog for a deaf or audibly impaired person, or a  
6 service dog for a physically limited person. ~~is not subject to~~  
7 ~~any fee for licensing.~~

8       (B) THE DOG IS OWNED BY A PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, OR OTHER  
9 LEGAL ENTITY THAT TRAINS DOGS FOR USE AS GUIDE OR LEADER DOGS FOR  
10 BLIND PERSONS, HEARING DOGS FOR DEAF OR AUDIBLY IMPAIRED PERSONS,  
11 OR SERVICE DOGS FOR PHYSICALLY LIMITED PERSONS.

1 (2) As used in this section:

2 (a) "Audibly impaired" means audibly impaired as defined in  
3 section 1 of ~~Act No. 82 of the Public Acts of 1981, being sec-~~  
4 ~~tion 752.61 of the Michigan Compiled Laws~~ 1981 PA 82, MCL  
5 752.61.

6 (b) "Blind person" means a blind person as defined in sec-  
7 tion 1 of ~~Act No. 260 of the Public Acts of 1978, being section~~  
8 ~~393.351 of the Michigan Compiled Laws~~ 1978 PA 260, MCL 393.351.

9 (c) "Deaf person" means a deaf person as defined in section  
10 1 of ~~Act No. 82 of the Public Acts of 1981, being section 752.61~~  
11 ~~of the Michigan Compiled Laws~~ 1981 PA 82, MCL 752.61.

12 (d) "Physically limited" means physically limited as defined  
13 in section 1 of ~~Act No. 1 of the Public Acts of 1966, being sec-~~  
14 ~~tion 125.1351 of the Michigan Compiled Laws~~ 1966 PA 1, MCL  
15 125.1351.