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## BILL ANALYSIS



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House Bill 4256 (Substitute S-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)

Sponsor: Representative Tommy Brann

House Committee: Regulatory Reform

Senate Committee: Regulatory Reform

**CONTENT**

The bill would amend Section 502c of the Michigan Penal Code to modify provisions requiring a public accommodation to accommodate a person with a disability's service animal to require a public accommodation also to accommodate a trainer or animal raiser and their service animal in training. The bill also would extend existing requirements for a service animal to a service animal in training.

Generally, under Section 502c, a public accommodation (as defined under Federal law) must modify its policies, practices, and procedures to allow the use of a service animal by a person with a disability. The bill also would require a public accommodation to modify its policies, practices, and procedures to permit the use of a service animal in training by a trainer or animal raiser, if the trainer or animal raiser were accompanied by the service animal in training for the purpose of training or socializing the service animal.

Under Section 502c, a public accommodation that violates the provisions pertaining to a public accommodation's requirements to accommodate a person's service animal is guilty of a misdemeanor. Under the bill, this also would apply to the bill's provisions. (Section 504 of the Code specifies that if a person is convicted of a crime designated by State law to be a misdemeanor for which no punishment is specially prescribed, he or she is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days' imprisonment or a fine of not more than \$500, or both.)

MCL 750.502c

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill could have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the State and local units of government. The bill could result in an increase in misdemeanor convictions that would have a negative fiscal impact on State and local government. New misdemeanor arrests and convictions under the bill could increase resource demands on law enforcement, court systems, community supervision, and jails. However, it is unknown how many people would be prosecuted under the bill's provisions. Any additional revenue from imposed fines would go to local libraries.

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