



2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 218

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1 **AN ACT to amend** 174.055 of the statutes; **relating to:** exemptions from dog
2 license fees.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, an owner of a dog is not required to pay an annual dog license fee if the dog is trained to provide specific physical or therapeutic functions under the control of a handler or if a medical professional has determined that the dog provides a benefit to a person with a disability. Under current law, only dogs that are trained to lead blind or deaf persons or to provide support for mobility-impaired persons are exempt from annual dog license fees.

For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 174.055 of the statutes is amended to read:
4 **174.055 Exemption of assistance dogs for blind, deaf and**
5 **mobility-impaired.** Every dog that has been specially trained to lead blind or deaf
6 persons or, guide, or assist a person whose vision or hearing is impaired, to provide

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1 support for ~~mobility-impaired persons~~ a person whose mobility is impaired, or to
2 provide specific physical or therapeutic functions under the direction and control of
3 a qualified handler, and every dog that a medical professional has determined
4 provides a benefit to a person with a disability, is exempt from the dog license tax and
5 every person owning such a dog shall receive annually a free dog license from the
6 local collecting officer upon application.

7 (END)