



2023 SENATE BILL 728

November 21, 2023 - Introduced by Senators CABRAL-GUEVARA, CARPENTER and SPREITZER, cosponsored by Representatives GUSTAFSON, DOYLE, C. ANDERSON, BEHNKE, BRANDTJEN, DITTRICH, JACOBSON, JOERS, MAGNAFICI, MURPHY, ORTIZ-VELEZ, PALMERI, RATCLIFF and SINICKI. Referred to Committee on Health.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 174.055 of the statutes; **relating to:** license fee exemptions
2 for a dog that is a service animal.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, every dog specifically trained to lead blind or deaf persons or to provide support for mobility-impaired persons is exempt from the dog license tax, and every person owning such a dog receives a free dog license annually from the local collecting officer upon application.

This bill provides that any dog that is a service animal is exempt from the dog license tax, and every person owning such a dog receives a free dog license annually from the local collecting officer upon application. Under the bill, a service animal is a guide dog, signal dog, or other animal that is individually trained or is being trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including the work or task of guiding a person with impaired vision, alerting a person with impaired hearing to intruders or sound, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items.

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:

