

1985 Senate Bill 316

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1985 Wisconsin Act 238

AN ACT *to create* 101.22 (2p) of the statutes, *relating to* housing discrimination against certain handicapped persons assisted by animals.

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

SECTION 1. 101.22 (2p) of the statutes is created to read:

101.22 (2p) ANIMALS ASSISTING THE HANDICAPPED.

(a) If an individual's vision, hearing or mobility is impaired, it is discrimination on the basis of handicap for any person to refuse to rent to the individual, cause the eviction of the individual from rental housing or require extra compensation from or engage in the harassment of the individual because he or she keeps an animal specially trained to lead or assist individuals with impaired vision, hearing or mobility if both of the following apply:

1. Upon request, the individual shows to the lessor credentials issued by a school recognized by the department as accredited to train animals for individuals with impaired vision, hearing or mobility.

2. The individual accepts liability for sanitation with respect to, and damage to the premises caused by, the animal.

(b) Paragraph (a) does not apply in the case of an owner-occupied dwelling if the owner or a member of his or her immediate family occupying the dwelling possesses and, upon request, presents to the individual a certificate signed by a physician which states that the owner or family member is allergic to the type of animal the individual possesses.
