

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1878

To require that the same access to transportation and public accommodations that is afforded to individuals with disabilities who use service animals under the Americans with Disabilities Act be afforded to certified trainers of service animals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 12, 2011

Mr. KISSELL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To require that the same access to transportation and public accommodations that is afforded to individuals with disabilities who use service animals under the Americans with Disabilities Act be afforded to certified trainers of service animals.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC AC-**
2 **COMMODATIONS TO CERTIFIED TRAINERS**
3 **OF SERVICE ANIMALS.**

4 (a) PROTECTIONS AFFORDED.—A licensed or cer-
5 tified trainer of a service animal, or a handler of such ani-
6 mal that has credentials issued by an accredited school
7 for training service animals, when accompanied by such
8 service animal, shall be afforded the same right of access
9 to public transportation, public accommodations, and
10 transportation services provided by private entities as is
11 afforded under titles II and III of the Americans with Dis-
12 abilities Act to individuals with disabilities who use service
13 animals.

14 (b) ENFORCEMENT UNDER THE ADA.—It shall be
15 discriminatory under the Americans with Disabilities Act
16 to afford such a trainer, when accompanied by a service
17 animal, with any service, facility, privilege, advantage, or
18 accommodation that is not equal to that afforded to other
19 individuals. The same remedies and procedures that are
20 available under such Act to individuals subject to discrimi-
21 nation shall be available to an individual subject to dis-
22 crimination under this Act.

23 (c) DEFINITION OF SERVICE ANIMAL.—As used in
24 this Act, the term “service animal” means a guide dog,
25 signal dog, or other animal individually trained or being
26 trained to provide assistance to an individual with a dis-

1 ability and distinguished by wearing a collar, leash, har-
2 ness, or cape that identifies the animal as a service animal
3 in training, regardless of whether such animal has been
4 licensed or certified by a State or local government.

5 (d) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Transportation
6 and the Attorney General shall issue such regulations as
7 they determine necessary to carry out this section and pro-
8 vide the same access to licensed or certified trainers or
9 handlers of service animals as is afforded individuals with
10 disabilities who use service dogs under the Americans with
11 Disabilities Act.

○