

HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	House File 615 (Formerly HF 244)	House Committee:	PASSED on February 24 (21-0)
Committee:	Judiciary	House Floor:	PASSED on March 13 (95-0)
Floor Manager:	Rep. Nordman	Senate Floor:	PASSED on April 21 (42-3)
Date:	May 21, 2025	Governor:	
Staff:	Amanda Wille (1-5230)		

Intentional Misrepresentation of Service Animals

- Allows a person to be charged with the misrepresentation of a service animal without having received a warning first.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1- Rights of Persons with Disabilities- Service Animals and Service-Animals-In-Training - Penalty (216C.11)

Under current law three standards must be met before a person can be charged with misrepresenting service animals.

- 1) The person must intentionally misrepresent the animal as a service animal or animal in training for the purpose of gaining some right or privilege.
- 2) The person must have a previous warning before being charged with intentionally misrepresenting a service animal or service-animal-in-training.
- 3) The person must know that the animal is not a service or in-training animal.

The bill removes the last two requirements. A person can now be charged with intentional misrepresentation if they intentionally misrepresent the animal for the purpose of gaining some right or privilege.

The crime remains a simple misdemeanor.

Amendment Analysis