



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 2255

service animals; licensing; fee waiver

Prime Sponsor: Representative Brophy McGee, LD 28

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**DP** Committee on County and Municipal Affairs

**DP** Caucus and COW

**X** As Transmitted to the Governor

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## **OVERVIEW**

HB 2255 prohibits city, town, or county board of supervisors (BOS) from charging a license fee for a service dog to a person who trains the service animal.

## **PROVISIONS**

1. Specifies that a city, town or county BOS may not charge a license fee for a service dog to a person that trains a service animal.
2. Adjusts the definition of *service animal* to include any dog or miniature horse in training to do the work of a service animal.
3. Makes technical and conforming changes.

## **CURRENT LAW**

A.R.S. § 11-1024 (5) defines a *service animal* as any dog or miniature horse that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual or other mental disability. A service animal does not include other species of animals, whether wild or domestic or trained or untrained.

A.R.S. § 9-500.32 (A) states a municipality is prohibited from charging an individual who has a disability and who uses a service animal, or an individual who uses a search and rescue dog a license fee for that dog.

A.R.S § 11-1008 (A) states the BOS of each county may set a license fee that shall be paid for each dog three months of age or older that is kept, harbored or maintained within the boundaries of Arizona for at least 30 consecutive days of a calendar year.