

March 17, 2005

**H 686. UPDATE DISABILITY STATUTES/SERVICE ANIMALS.** *TO UPDATE THE LANGUAGE OF CHAPTER 168 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES REGARDING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND TO CLARIFY THE LAW ALLOWING SERVICE ANIMALS IN TRAINING TO ACCESS PUBLIC FACILITIES AND CONVEYANCES WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY A PERSON WHO TRAINS SERVICE ANIMALS.* Substitutes the term “persons with disabilities” in place of “handicapped persons.” Amends GS 168-1 to provide that the term “person with a disability” is defined by GS 168A-3(7a). Amends GS 168-4.2 to provide that every person with a disability has the right to be accompanied by a service animal trained to assist the person with their specific disability (was, gave right only to mobility, visually, and hearing impaired persons and those with seizure disorder). Also provides for the use of an animal in training. Deletes GS 168-5 requiring that drivers take necessary precautions to avoid injury to visually impaired persons using canes or guide dogs. Makes technical and conforming changes.

**Intro. by Gibson.**

Ref. to Health

GS 168

May 16, 2005

**H 686. UPDATE DISABILITY STATUTES/SERVICE ANIMALS.** Intro. 3/17/05. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition: (1) changes effective date to September 1, 2005, and (2) makes technical changes.

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**SL 2005-450 (H 686). UPDATE DISABILITY STATUTES/SERVICE ANIMALS.** *AN ACT TO UPDATE THE LANGUAGE OF CHAPTER 168 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES REGARDING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND TO CLARIFY THE LAW ALLOWING SERVICE ANIMALS IN TRAINING TO ACCESS PUBLIC FACILITIES AND CONVEYANCES WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY A PERSON WHO TRAINS SERVICE ANIMALS.* Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/17/05 and 5/16/05. Enacted September 29, 2005. Effective September 1, 2005.