

P.L. 2006, CHAPTER 88, *approved August 21, 2006*  
Senate, No. 555 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning access to housing, public facilities and  
2 transportation for certain working dogs and supplementing Title  
3 2C of the New Jersey Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. As used in this act:

9 “Housing accommodation” means the same as the term is  
10 defined in subsection u. of section 5 of P.L.1945, c.169 (C.10:5-5);

11 “Public <sup>1</sup>**【facilities】** facility<sup>1</sup>” means the same as the term is  
12 defined in subsection v. <sup>1</sup>of section 5<sup>1</sup> of P.L.1945, c.169 (C.10:5-  
13 5); and

14 “Working dog” means any dog trained for the purpose of human  
15 search and rescue, body recovery, arson detection, bomb detection,  
16 narcotics detection, criminal apprehension, police assistance or  
17 other related purposes, whether in the performance of such tasks or  
18 while <sup>1</sup>**【off-duty】** traveling to or from such tasks<sup>1</sup>.

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20 2. Any member of a police, fire, law enforcement or other  
21 related emergency service agency, accompanied by a working dog,  
22 trained by a recognized training agency or school, is entitled, with  
23 the dog, to full and equal access to all public facilities and modes of  
24 public transportation, subject only to the following conditions:

25 a. A member of a police, fire, law enforcement or other related  
26 emergency service agency, if accompanied by a working dog, shall  
27 keep the dog in immediate custody at all times;

28 b. A member of a police, fire, law enforcement or other related  
29 emergency service agency, accompanied by a working dog, shall  
30 not be charged an extra fee or payment <sup>1</sup>for the dog<sup>1</sup> for admission  
31 to, or use of, any public facility; <sup>1</sup>and<sup>1</sup>

32 c. A member of a police, fire, law enforcement or other related  
33 emergency service agency, who has possession of a working dog,  
34 shall be liable for any damages done to the premises of a public  
35 facility by the dog.

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37 3. A member of a police, fire, law enforcement or other related  
38 emergency service agency who possesses a working dog, is entitled  
39 to rent, lease or purchase, as other members of the general public,  
40 all housing accommodations and business accommodations offered  
41 for rent, lease, or compensation in this State, subject to the rights,

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is not enacted  
and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SEG committee amendments adopted January 30, 2006.

1 conditions and limitations established by law. A member of a  
2 police, fire, law enforcement or other related emergency  
3 serviceagency who possesses a working dog, or who obtains a  
4 working dog, shall be entitled to full and equal access to all housing  
5 accommodations and business accommodations and shall not be  
6 required to pay extra compensation for the dog, but shall be liable  
7 for any damages done to the premises by the dog. Any provision in  
8 any lease or rental agreement prohibiting maintenance of a pet or  
9 pets on or in the premise shall not be applicable to a working dog  
10 owned by a tenant who is a member of a police, fire <sup>1</sup>, law  
11 enforcement<sup>1</sup> or other related emergency service agency.  
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13 4. Any person who violates a provision of this act <sup>1</sup>【commits a  
14 disorderly persons offense, and】<sup>1</sup> shall be subject to <sup>1</sup>【a sentence of  
15 six months' imprisonment, some or all of which may be community  
16 service, restitution, and】<sup>1</sup> a <sup>1</sup>【\$1,000】<sup>1</sup> fine <sup>1</sup>of between \$100 and  
17 \$500<sup>1</sup>.  
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19 5. This act shall take effect immediately.  
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24 Allows access to housing, public facilities and transportation for  
25 certain working dogs, provides penalties for violation.