

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1296

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES; AMENDING SECTION 56-701A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE DEFINITIONS; AND AMENDING THE HEADING FOR CHAPTER 7, TITLE 56, IDAHO CODE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 56-701A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

56-701A. DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter and chapter 58, title 18, Idaho Code:

(1) "Assistance device" means a cane or walking stick, predominantly white or metallic in color, with or without red tip, or a manual or motorized wheelchair or similar scooter, or other similar devices that enhance the safety or mobility of a disabled person.

(2) "Assistance dog" means a dog that has been trained as a guide dog for a blind or visually impaired person, a hearing dog for a hearing-impaired person, or a service dog for a physically disabled person.

(3) "Disabled person" means a hearing, visually, mentally or physically impaired person.

(4) "Dog-in-training" means a dog being specifically trained to develop social, environmental and other skills needed for admission to a training school or other program for assistance dogs. Dogs-in-training shall wear a jacket, collar, scarf or other similar article identifying it as a dog-in-training.

(5) "Guide dog" means a dog that has been specially trained to aid a particular blind or visually impaired person.

(6) "Hearing dog" means a dog that has been specially trained to aid a particular hearing-impaired person.

(7) "Hearing-impaired person" means a person who has a hearing impairment manifested by a speech discrimination score of forty percent (40%) or more in the better ear with appropriate correction as certified by a licensed otologist, licensed audiologist, or the Idaho division of vocational rehabilitation.

(8) "Physically impaired person" means any person with any substantial physical disability ~~which~~ that prevents normal participation in community or life activities as are available and participated in by persons with no such afflictions or conditions of the same age and sex.

(9) "Service dog" means a dog that has been specially trained to aid a particular physically or mentally disabled person with a ~~physical~~ disability other than sight or hearing impairment.

(10) "Visually impaired person" means any person who is blind, totally blind, partially blind or otherwise visually impaired, meaning such person has central visual acuity not exceeding 20/200 in the better eye, with cor-

