

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2016 SESSION

CHAPTER 575

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 51.5-44.1, relating to the rights of persons with disabilities in public places and places of public accommodation; fraudulent representation of a service dog or hearing dog; penalty.

[S 363]

Approved March 29, 2016

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 51.5-44.1 as follows:

§ 51.5-44.1. Fraudulent representation of a service dog or hearing dog; penalty.

Any person who knowingly and willfully fits a dog with a harness, collar, vest, or sign, or uses an identification card commonly used by a person with a disability, in order to represent that the dog is a service dog or hearing dog to fraudulently gain public access for such dog pursuant to provisions in § 51.5-44 is guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor.