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	CHAMBER ACTION
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	Comm: RCS
1	The Committee on Community Affairs (Wise) recommended the
2	following amendment:
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4	Senate Amendment (with title amendment)
5	Delete everything after the enacting clause
6	and insert:
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8	Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and subsection
9	(8) of section 413.08, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
10	413.08 Rights of an individual with a disability; use of a
11	service animal; discrimination in public employment or housing
12	accommodations; penalties
13	(1) As used in this section and s. 413.081, the term:
14	(b) "Individual with a disability" means a person who <u>has</u>
15	a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or
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16	more major life activities, has a record of such an impairment,
17	or is regarded as having such an impairment is deaf, hard of
18	hearing, blind, visually impaired, or otherwise physically
19	disabled. As used in this paragraph, the term:
20	1. "Hard of hearing" means an individual who has suffered
21	a permanent hearing impairment that is severe enough to
22	necessitate the use of amplification devices to discriminate
23	speech sounds in verbal communication.
24	2. "Physically disabled" means any person who has a
25	physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major
26	life activities.
27	(8) <u>(a)</u> Any trainer of a service animal, while engaged in
28	the training of such an animal, has the same rights and
29	privileges with respect to access to public facilities and the
30	same liability for damage as is provided for those persons
31	described in subsection (3) accompanied by service animals.
32	(b) Any individual, including any volunteer, who raises a
33	puppy for the purpose of future training as a service animal has
34	the same rights and privileges with respect to access to public
35	facilities and the same liability for damage as is provided for
36	those persons accompanied by service animals as described in
37	subsection (3) if:
38	1. Such animal is held on a leash or is otherwise
39	restrained and remains under the control of the individual
40	training or raising such animal;
41	2. The individual training or raising such animal has on
42	his or her person, and available for inspection, credentials

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43	from the service dog training program for which the animal is
44	being raised; and
45	3. Such animal is wearing a collar, leash, or other
46	appropriate apparel or device identifying that animal with the
47	service dog training program for which it is being raised.
48	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.
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50	========== TITLE AMENDMENT ===========
51	And the title is amended as follows:
52	Delete everything before the enacting clause
53	and insert:
54	A bill to be entitled
55	An act relating to service animals; amending s. 413.08,
56	F.S.; redefining the term "individual with a disability";
57	providing that any person, including any volunteer, who is
58	raising a puppy for the purpose of future training as a
59	service animal has the same rights and privileges with
60	respect to access to public facilities and the same
61	liability for damage as is provided for persons
62	accompanied by service animals if certain conditions are
63	met; providing an effective date.

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