

HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/CS/SB 434, 1st Eng.
SPONSOR: Commerce and Consumer Services Committee; Governmental Oversight and Productivity Committee; Senator Wise and others
SUBJECT: Persons with Disabilities/Service Animals
PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Community Affairs
DATE: May 2, 2005

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 – 311311 to CS/CS/SB 434

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

The strike everything amendment does not include all of the language from federal law and regulations that is included in the SB 434. However, if state legislation provides less protection to an individual accompanied by a service animal than is afforded the individual under federal law, the federal law takes precedence over state laws or regulations.

It does not increase the penalty for interfering with the training of a service animal or for an employer that discriminates against an individual with a disability. Also, it restores existing law that “does not require any person renting, leasing, or otherwise providing real property for compensation to modify her or his property in any way to provide a higher degree of care” for a person with a disability.