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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Housing Finance and Policy
Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Human Services Finance and Policy

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- A bill for an act
- relating to human services; modifying service dog provisions in housing accommodations for persons with disabilities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256C.025, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision.
- BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256C.025, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- Subd. 2. ~~Definition~~ **Definitions.** (a) "Homeowners association" means a common interest community as defined in section 515B.1-103, regardless of whether the common interest community is subject to chapter 515B, or a residential community that is not a common interest community.
- (b) "Housing accommodations" means any real property, or portion thereof, which is used or occupied or is intended, arranged, or designed to be used or occupied, as the home, residence or sleeping place of one or more human beings, but shall not include any single family residence the occupants of which rent, lease, or furnish for compensation not more than one room therein.
- Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256C.025, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- Subd. 5. **Service dog in training.** (a) For purposes of this section, a "service dog in training" means a dog that is being actively trained as a service dog under the supervision of an organization accredited by Assistance Dogs International or the International Guide Dog Federation to train service dogs.

2.1 (b) A person who is actively training a service dog in training is entitled to full and equal
2.2 access to all housing accommodations provided for in this section. A person who is actively
2.3 training a service dog in training must not be required to pay extra compensation for the
2.4 service dog in training but is liable for any damage done to the premises by the service dog
2.5 in training.

2.6 (c) A landlord or board of a homeowners association may require written certification
2.7 from the organization supervising the training as a condition of granting an accommodation
2.8 to a person training a service dog in training. An accommodation granted under this
2.9 subdivision terminates upon completion of the training.