

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 17: CRIMES
Chapter 47: DISCRIMINATION

§1314-A. MISREPRESENTATION AS SERVICE ANIMAL OR ASSISTANCE ANIMAL

A person who knowingly misrepresents as a service animal any animal that does not meet the definition of "service animal," as defined in Title 5, section 4553, subsection 9-E, commits a civil violation. A person who knowingly misrepresents as an assistance animal any animal that does not meet the definition of "assistance animal," as defined in Title 5, section 4553, subsection 1-H, commits a civil violation. Misrepresentation as a service animal or an assistance animal includes, but is not limited to: [2015, c. 457, §9 (NEW).]

1. False documents. Knowingly creating documents that falsely represent that an animal is a service animal or an assistance animal;

[2015, c. 457, §9 (NEW) .]

2. Providing false documents. Knowingly providing to another person documents falsely stating that an animal is a service animal or an assistance animal;

[2015, c. 457, §9 (NEW) .]

3. Harness, collar, vest or sign. Knowingly fitting an animal, when the animal is not a service animal, with a harness, collar, vest or sign of the type commonly used by a person with a disability to indicate an animal is a service animal; or

[2015, c. 457, §9 (NEW) .]

4. Falsely representing animal as service animal. Knowingly representing that an animal is a service animal, when the animal has not completed training to perform disability-related tasks or do disability-related work for a person with a disability.

[2015, c. 457, §9 (NEW) .]

For a civil violation under this section a fine of not more than \$1,000 for each occurrence may be adjudged. [2015, c. 457, §9 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY

2003, c. 452, §128 (NEW). 2003, c. 452, §X2 (AFF). 2007, c. 664, §22 (AMD). 2011, c. 369, §8 (AMD). 2015, c. 457, §9 (RPR).

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