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95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES HOSKINS (121) (Sponsor), JONES (89), COLONA,
DIECKHAUS, ALLEN, FUNDERBURK AND SCHIEFFER (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 209.200, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to professional therapy dogs.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 209.200, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 209.200, to read as follows:

209.200. As used in sections 209.200 to 209.204, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Disability", as defined in section 213.010, RSMo;

(2) "Service dog", a dog that is being or has been specially trained to do work or perform tasks which benefit a particular person with a disability. Service dog includes:

(a) "Guide dog", a dog that is being or has been specially trained to assist a particular blind or visually impaired person;

(b) "Hearing dog", a dog that is being or has been specially trained to assist a particular deaf or hearing-impaired person;

(c) "Medical alert or [respond] **response** dog", a dog that is being or has been trained to alert a person with a disability that a particular medical event is about to occur or to respond to a medical event that has occurred;

(d) "Mobility dog", a dog that is being or has been specially trained to assist a person with a disability caused by physical impairments;

(e) "**Professional therapy dog**", a dog which is selected, trained, and tested to provide specific physical therapeutic functions, under the direction and control of a qualified handler who works with the dog as a team as a part of the handler's occupation

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 or profession. Such dogs, with their handlers, perform such functions in institutional
18 settings, community-based group settings, or when providing services to specific persons
19 who have disabilities. Professional therapy dogs do not include dogs, certified or not,
20 which are used by volunteers in visitation therapy.

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