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Title: Service Pet Registration
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House Action: **DISAPPROVE**

Whereas, employees at places where pets are not allowed may be fearful of challenging someone who brings a service pet with them because of possible Americans with Disabilities Act suits, and

Whereas, current Michigan law only provides voluntary state registration and patch identification of service animals, and

Whereas, the current Michigan law does not require the demonstration that the service animal has been trained by an appropriate trainer or school, and is able to provide the support for which the service animal is needed; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS seek the strengthening of the current regulations regarding the use and identification of service animals; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS seek legislation that would require that the owners of service animals demonstrate that the service animals were trained and are able to provide the support for which they are intended; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS seek mandatory state registration and patching of all service animals and advocate that, similar to handicapped parking permits, such patches be valid for no more than five years for those with a physical impairment and for no more than two years for those with a psychological/psychiatric impairment; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS seek legislative and/or regulatory changes that would allow the issuance of service animal patches only to service animal owners that have been certified by their physician or health care provider as needing a service animal.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

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