

## CHAPTER 88

**AN ACT** concerning access to housing, public facilities and transportation for certain working dogs and supplementing Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes.

**BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.10:5-29.7 Definitions relative to access for certain working dogs.

1. As used in this act:

“Housing accommodation” means the same as the term is defined in subsection u. of section 5 of P.L.1945, c.169 (C.10:5-5);

“Public facility” means the same as the term is defined in subsection v. of section 5 of P.L.1945, c.169 (C.10:5-5); and

“Working dog” means any dog trained for the purpose of human search and rescue, body recovery, arson detection, bomb detection, narcotics detection, criminal apprehension, police assistance or other related purposes, whether in the performance of such tasks or while traveling to or from such tasks.

C.10:5-29.8 Law enforcement, emergency service workers with working dog entitled to full access.

2. Any member of a police, fire, law enforcement or other related emergency service agency, accompanied by a working dog, trained by a recognized training agency or school, is entitled, with the dog, to full and equal access to all public facilities and modes of public transportation, subject only to the following conditions:

a. A member of a police, fire, law enforcement or other related emergency service agency, if accompanied by a working dog, shall keep the dog in immediate custody at all times;

b. A member of a police, fire, law enforcement or other related emergency service agency, accompanied by a working dog, shall not be charged an extra fee or payment for the dog for admission to, or use of, any public facility; and

c. A member of a police, fire, law enforcement or other related emergency service agency, who has possession of a working dog, shall be liable for any damages done to the premises of a public facility by the dog.

C.10:5-29.9 Possessors of working dog, certain, entitlement to housing, business accommodations.

3. A member of a police, fire, law enforcement or other related emergency service agency who possesses a working dog, is entitled to rent, lease or purchase, as other members of the general public, all housing accommodations and business accommodations offered for rent, lease, or compensation in this State, subject to the rights, conditions and limitations established by law. A member of a police, fire, law enforcement or other related emergency service agency who possesses a working dog, or who obtains a working dog, shall be entitled to full and equal access to all housing accommodations and business accommodations and shall not be required to pay extra compensation for the dog, but shall be liable for any damages done to the premises by the dog. Any provision in any lease or rental agreement prohibiting maintenance of a pet or pets on or in the premises shall not be applicable to a working dog owned by a tenant who is a member of a police, fire, law enforcement or other related emergency service agency.

C.10:5-29.10 Violations; fine.

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4. Any person who violates a provision of this act shall be subject to a fine of between \$100 and \$500.

5. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved August 21, 2006.