

## CHAPTER 187

AN ACT concerning retired service or guide dogs and amending P.L.1977, c.456.

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

1. Section 4 of P.L.1977, c.456 (C.10:5-29.2) is amended to read as follows:

C.10:5-29.2 Housing accommodations.

4. A person with a disability is entitled to rent, lease or purchase, as other members of the general public, all housing accommodations offered for rent, lease, or compensation in this State, subject to the rights, conditions and limitations established by law. Nothing in this section shall require any person renting, leasing or providing for compensation real property, to modify such property in any way to provide a higher degree of care for a person with a disability than for any other person. A person with a disability who has a service or guide dog, or who obtains a service or guide dog, or who retains their former service or guide dog as a pet after its retirement from service, shall be entitled to full and equal access to all housing accommodations and shall not be required to pay extra compensation for such service or guide dog or retired pet, but shall be liable for any damages done to the premises by such 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 service or guide dog, or a retired service or guide dog, owned by a tenant who is a person with a disability.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved August 7, 2017.