

UPDATED SUMMARY
SENATE BILL 14-118

Second Regular Session - Sixty-ninth Colorado General Assembly

This summary applies to the reengrossed version of this bill as introduced in the second house. It does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. This summary reflects only the main points of the legislation.

The bill conforms several definitions related to discrimination based on a disability (discrimination) to the federal "Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990", including changing the term "assistance dog" to "service animal". The *statutory* fine for discrimination in places of public accommodation, housing, and or violations of the rights of an individual with a disability who uses a service animal or a trainer of a service animal is increased to *an amount not to exceed \$3,500, plus actual monetary damages, attorney fees and costs, and an order for compliance, if applicable. A small business defendant is entitled to a 50% reduction of the statutory fine assessed if it corrects the accessibility violation within 30 days after the filing of the complaint, unless the defendant knowingly or intentionally caused the accessibility violation.* Penalties are added for a person who causes harm to a service animal or service animal in training or a person who owns an animal that causes harm to a service animal or service animal in training.

The bill makes conforming amendments.

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