HOUSE BILL       389-FN

AN ACT requiring the secretary of state to prepare materials for businesses relative to service dogs.

SPONSORS:       Rep. Cahill, Rock. 17

COMMITTEE:       Commerce and Consumer Affairs

AMENDED ANALYSIS

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in bold italics. Matter removed from current law appears [in brackets and struckthrough.] Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.
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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

56:1 New Section; Secretary of State; Materials for Businesses Relative to Service Dogs. Amend RSA 5 by inserting after section 15-a the following new section:

5:15-b Materials for Businesses Relative to Service Animals. The secretary of state shall coordinate with the governor's commission on disability to develop, prepare, and make available to businesses upon request:

I. A decal suitable for posting in a front window or door stating that service animals are welcome and that misrepresentation of an animal as a service animal is a violation of RSA 167-D:8.

II. Materials including permissible questions a business owner may ask in order to determine whether an animal is a service animal, guidelines for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act for the business owner, and information on the Americans with Disabilities Act. Such materials shall also contain language stating that persons who have non-apparent disabilities such as asthma or allergies to animals may also be protected by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Such materials shall also contain information about the penalties for misrepresentation of a dog as a service dog under RSA 167-D.

56:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: June 05, 2019
Effective Date: August 04, 2019