

(5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. No part of the grantees' matching fund may be provided, either directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. The fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 1999, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1997.

Approved May 22, 1997.

CHAPTER 556

(House Bill 801)

AN ACT concerning

Disabled Persons – Service Dog Trainers – Public Accommodations

FOR the purpose of providing that service dog trainers accompanied by a dog that is being trained as a service dog have the same right of access, subject to certain conditions, in certain public conveyances, places of public accommodation, and housing accommodations as is given to blind or visually handicapped, deaf or hearing impaired, or mobility impaired persons; prohibiting certain extra charges for service dog trainers and their dogs; providing that certain service dog trainer organizations may be liable for personal injuries or damages to premises under certain circumstances; establishing certain penalties for violations; requiring service dogs or service dog trainers accompanied by a dog that is being trained to display certain identification; changing references from "guide dog" to "service dog"; making stylistic corrections; and generally relating to service dog trainers and dogs being trained as service dogs.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article 30 – Deaf, Mute or Blind
 Section 33(c) and (g)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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