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1 AN ACT Relating to potential health hazards posed by service
2 animals; creating new sections; providing an effective date; and
3 declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that individuals with
6 disabilities are full and complete members of society and are entitled
7 to all the same protections and opportunities available to other
8 citizens. The legislature also finds that the Americans with
9 disabilities act may create situations where people with disabilities
10 who use service animals may jeopardize the public health and safety.
11 The legislature intends, through this act, to assess the risks posed by
12 service animals and seek ways to minimize that risk.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department of health shall conduct a
14 risk analysis for various public and private locations based on
15 different animals used as service animals. Based on the risk analysis,
16 the department shall issue rules and provide guidance to employers on
17 the public health risks associated with service animals in various
18 locations.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
3 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
4 July 1, 1997.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
6 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
7 June 30, 1997, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
8 void.

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