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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 43, L.D. 101,  
Bill, "AN ACT to Clarify the "Hearing Ear" Dog Law."

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting  
clause the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3612, sub-§3, as enacted by PL  
1981, c. 584, §5, is amended to read:

3. Guide dogs. Every deaf or hearing impaired  
person shall have the right to be accompanied by a  
guide dog, described and known as a "hearing ear"  
dog, especially trained for the purpose, and identi-  
fied by a bright orange collar and leash colored  
hunter orange, as that color is defined in Title 12,  
section 7001, subsection 16, in any of the places  
listed in subsection 2 without being required to pay  
an extra charge for the guide dog, provided that he  
shall be liable for any damage done to the premises  
or facilities by that dog. When the deaf or hearing  
impaired person is accompanied by a guide dog, he  
shall also carry a card, issued by the Bureau of Re-  
habilitation, which states that the dog is an espe-  
cially trained guide dog, and cites Title 22, sec-  
tions 3611 and 3612 as allowing for access by the  
person and his dog to streets, public places and  
public conveyances.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the begin-  
ning of the first line after the enacting clause the  
abbreviation and figure 'Sec. 2.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

The amendment alters the statement in the current  
law that the hearing ear dog's collar and leash be

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1 "bright orange" to read that it be colored hunter  
2 orange. The definition referred to is that in the  
3 fisheries and wildlife statutes which defines the  
4 color hunter orange as "a daylight fluorescent orange  
5 color with a dominant wave between 595 and 605  
6 nanometers, excitation purity not less than 85% and  
7 luminance factor of not less than 40%."

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