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**An Act To Require the Owner of a Service Dog To Show a
Certificate of Completion of a Basic Obedience Class from a Service
Dog Trainer in Order for That Dog To Be Admitted to a Retail
Establishment or Restaurant**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BLANCHETTE of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Senator CLUKEY of Aroostook and
Representatives: CHURCHILL of Washburn, DAVIS of Augusta, FISHER of Brewer,
GERZOFKY of Brunswick, HANLEY of Gardiner, PLUMMER of Windham, SYKES of
Harrison, TWOMEY of Biddeford.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §3966**, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 625, §94, is
amended to read:

6 **§3966. Animals in food stores**

8 It is unlawful for any person, other than the owner or
manager, to bring any animal into a store where food is sold for
10 human consumption or into a restaurant where food is prepared and
served on the premises. This section shall does not apply to any
12 person requiring the services of a seeing-eye-dog service dog if
the owner of the service dog shows the store or restaurant a
14 certificate of completion for the dog from a service dog
trainer. For purposes of this section, "service dog" has the
16 same meaning as in Title 7, section 3961-A.

18 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill allows an owner of a service dog to bring the dog
22 into food stores and restaurants if the owner shows the store or
restaurant a certificate of completion for the dog from a basic
24 obedience class administered by a service dog trainer.