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Assembly Committee Substitute for

Assembly, No. 3502

1 AN ACT concerning guide dogs and service dogs and amending  
2 P.L.1941, c.151.

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5 *of New Jersey:*

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15 resides, a license and official metal registration tag for each such  
16 dog so owned, kept or harbored, and shall place upon each such  
17 dog a collar or harness with the registration tag securely fastened  
18 thereto. A person or group temporarily caring for a dog placed in a  
19 foster home as part of a formalized training to be a guide dog or  
20 service dog shall be exempt from applying for and procuring a  
21 license and registration tag for the dog while the dog remains in the  
22 foster home for such training.

23 For the purposes of this section, “guide dog” and “service dog”  
24 mean a guide dog or service dog as defined in section 5 of  
25 P.L.1945, c.169 (C.10:5-5).

26 (cf: P.L.1982, c.203, s.1)

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34 fee for the license and for the registration tag shall be the same as  
35 for the original license and tag; and said licenses, registration tags  
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37 stated on the license; except that this expiration date shall not  
38 require a municipality to alter its schedule for administering rabies  
39 inoculations to any dog to be licensed and registered; nor shall this  
40 expiration date require a municipality to alter its schedule for  
41 renewing licenses and registration tags, provided that the

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 registration period precedes June 30. The governing body of a  
2 municipality may stagger the expiration of such annual licenses so  
3 long as all expirations occur no later than June 30 in the calendar  
4 year stated on the license.

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6 licensing year for any dog owned in New Jersey, and such license  
7 and tag shall be accepted by all municipalities as evidence of  
8 compliance with this section.

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10 "seeing-eye" dogs, dogs used to assist handicapped persons and  
11 commonly known as "service dogs," or dogs used to assist deaf  
12 persons and commonly known as "hearing ear" **g**uide dogs or  
13 service dogs shall be licensed and registered as other dogs  
14 hereinabove provided for, except that the owner or keeper of **such**  
15 a guide dog or service dog shall not be required to pay any fee  
16 therefor. A dog temporarily placed in a foster home as part of a  
17 formalized training to be a guide dog or service dog shall not be  
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23 License forms and uniform official metal registration tags  
24 designed by the **State** Department of Health shall be furnished by  
25 the municipality and shall be numbered serially and shall bear the  
26 year of issuance and the name of the municipality.

27 (cf: P.L.1996, c.113, s.1)

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29 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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34 Exempts guide dogs and service dogs temporarily placed in  
35 foster homes from dog licensing and registration tag requirements.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 3502

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JULY 11, 2014

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman DAVID C. RUSSO**

**District 40 (Bergen, Essex, Morris and Passaic)**

**Assemblyman SCOTT T. RUMANA**

**District 40 (Bergen, Essex, Morris and Passaic)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman Fiocchi**

**SYNOPSIS**

Exempts service dogs temporarily placed in foster homes from dog licensing and registration tag requirements.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/10/2014)**

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5 "hearing ear" dogs shall be licensed and registered as other dogs  
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#### STATEMENT

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23 This bill stipulates that a person or group caring for a dog placed  
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26 requirements, and that a guide, service, or hearing ear dog placed in  
27 foster homes for training do not have to be licensed or registered, as  
28 is the case with all other dogs.

29 Specifically, the bill amends section 2 of P.L.1941, c.151  
30 (C.4:19-15.2) to exempt a person or group temporarily caring for a  
31 dog placed in a foster home as part of a formalized training to be a  
32 guide, service, or hearing ear dog from applying for and procuring a  
33 license and registration tag for the dog while the dog is placed in  
34 the foster home. Currently, an owner or keeper of a dog, 7 months  
35 of age or older, is required to apply for and procure a dog license  
36 and a registration tag.

37 The bill also amends section 3 of P.L.1941, c.151 (C.4:19-15.3)  
38 to specify that dogs temporarily placed in foster homes as part of a  
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ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 3502**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: OCTOBER 9, 2014

The Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee reports favorably an Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 3502.

This committee substitute provides that a dog placed in a foster home for training as a guide or service dog does not have to be licensed or registered, as is the case with all other dogs.

Specifically, the substitute amends section 2 of P.L.1941, c.151 (C.4:19-15.2) to exempt a person or group temporarily caring for a dog placed in a foster home as part of a formalized training to be a guide dog or service dog from applying for and procuring a license and registration tag for the dog while the dog remains in the foster home. Current law requires an owner or keeper of a dog which is seven months of age or older to apply for and procure a dog license and a registration tag for the dog.

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As defined under the substitute:

1) "guide dog" means a dog used to assist deaf persons or which is fitted with a special harness so as to be suitable as an aid to the mobility of a blind person, and is used by a blind person who has satisfactorily completed a specific course of training in the use of such a dog, and has been trained by an organization generally recognized by agencies involved in the rehabilitation of the blind or deaf as reputable and competent to provide dogs with training of this type; and

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**SENATE, No. 2281**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**216th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED JUNE 30, 2014

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator KEVIN J. O'TOOLE**

**District 40 (Bergen, Essex, Morris and Passaic)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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# SENATE ECONOMIC GROWTH COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **SENATE, No. 2281**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

The Senate Economic Growth Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 2281.

As amended and reported, this bill exempts a person or group temporarily caring for a dog placed in a foster home as part of a formalized training to be a “guide dog” or “service dog,” as those terms are defined in current law, from applying for and procuring a license and registration tag for the dog while the dog remains in the foster home.

Under current law, a "guide dog" is defined as a dog used to assist deaf persons or which is fitted with a special harness so as to be suitable as an aid to the mobility of a blind person, and is used by a blind person who has satisfactorily completed a specific course of training in the use of such a dog, and has been trained by an organization generally recognized by agencies involved in the rehabilitation of the blind or deaf as reputable and competent to provide dogs with training of this type. Further, "service dog" is defined as a dog individually trained to the requirements of a person with a disability including, but not limited to, minimal protection work, rescue work, and pulling a wheelchair or retrieving dropped items, and a seizure dog trained to alert or otherwise assist persons subject to epilepsy or other seizure disorders.

The committee amended the bill to remove references to “seeing eye dog” and “hearing dog” and replace the references with “guide dog” and “service dog.”

As amended and reported, Senate Bill No. 2281 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3502 (ACS), which was also reported by the committee on this date.

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### BILL SIGNINGS:

**S-1336/A-996 (Van Drew, Scutari/Andrzejczak)** - Requires issuance of construction permits for installation of wheelchair ramps on residential real property within 5 business days of application

**S-1341/A-2961 (Van Drew, Madden/Andrzejczak, Gusciora, Spencer)** - Establishes penalty for failure to include bittering agent in antifreeze

**S-1946/A-3441 (Sacco, Pennacchio/Jimenez, Prieto, Sumter, Pintor Marin)** - Permits school district to request and receive from MVC name and address of student's parent or guardian to verify student's eligibility for enrollment in school district

**A-2327/S-2965 (DeAngelo, Quijano, Wilson, Pinkin/Beach, Doherty)** - Requires Secretary of State create e-mail notification system alerting when US and State flags flown at half-staff

**ACS for A-3502/S-2281 (Russo, Rumana/O'Toole)** - Exempts guide dogs and service dogs temporarily placed in foster homes from dog licensing and registration tag requirements

**A-3851/ SCS for S-2468 (DeAngelo, Eustace, Mazzeo, Pintor Marin, Benson/Turner, Singer)** - Imposes contract standards between customers and third-party electric power and gas suppliers

**A-4156/S-2812 (Vainieri Huttel, Lampitt, Lagana, Mukherji, Quijano, Danielsen, Wimberly/Barnes, Cunningham)** - Establishes task force to study issues related to sexual assault on college campuses

**A-4307/S-2919 (McKeon, Quijano, Schaer/Greenstein, Bateman)** - Increases required public notice from 30 days to 60 days for settlements entered into by DEP pursuant to Spill Compensation and Control Act

**A-4413/S-2896 (Eustace, Benson, Webber, Singleton/Scutari, Turner)** - Prohibits awarding of economic development subsidy to business if business is in default on previously awarded subsidy that was loan or loan guarantee

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