HB 263 Opposition Testimony by Joseph Rocco Marchi

I have had my service dog Iggy for almost seven years. I had gone through like so many people, tests, structured lessons that actually taught me everything there is to know about a service dog. After receiving my Service Dog IGGY who actually has a vocabulary of over 140 words when I received him now he understands sentences. He also knows every type of instructions that is given that you can possibly think off because he was trained by social workers daily for one year and two different group homes for their training. And the best is when we go into a restaurant to be seated the waitress or waiter pulls the a couple of chairs away allowing both IGGY and myself clearance into the table then I give IGGY a command under, he goes under the table. I give him one more command and say place, he lays down, and you never hear or see him again. Unbelievable, you will not get that from another dog unless he is pure Service.

They put over \$20,000.00 into their total training and so much love.

"AND IT WORKS"

"GOD BLESS THESE DOGS"

No other dog has that experience; you are making a big mistake bringing in untrained dogs with no license (which I carry) come into any venue. Regardless, if it is outside or inside once you people open the door for people to start doing this, it will never end.

Please stop this from happening!