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# H. R. 9063

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 31, 2020

Mr. KING of Iowa introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DEFINITION OF SERVICE ANIMAL.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 360 days after the  
5 date of the enactment of this Act, each agency of the Fed-  
6 eral Government shall—

7 (1) by rule, adopt a definition for the terms  
8 “service animal” and “assistance animal”, for pur-

1 poses of the regulations of that agency, that is iden-  
2 tical to the term “service animal”, as defined in the  
3 final rule entitled “Nondiscrimination on the Basis  
4 of Disability by Public Accommodations and in Com-  
5 mercial Facilities” (75 Fed. Reg. 56236 (September  
6 15, 2010)); and

7 (2) conform any reference to “service animal”  
8 and “assistance animal” in the regulations, policies,  
9 or other official documents of that agency to the  
10 term “service animal”, as defined in the final rule  
11 entitled “Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Dis-  
12 ability by Public Accommodations and in Commer-  
13 cial Facilities” (75 Fed. Reg. 56236 (September 15,  
14 2010)).

15 (b) APPLICABILITY.—Not later than two years after  
16 the date of the enactment of this Act, with respect to an  
17 individual with a “service animal” or “assistance animal”  
18 on the date of the enactment of this Act that does not  
19 meet the definition of the term “service animal” as defined  
20 in the final rule entitled “Nondiscrimination on the Basis  
21 of Disability by Public Accommodations and in Commer-  
22 cial Facilities” (75 Fed. Reg. 56236 (September 15,  
23 2010)), each agency of the Federal Government shall

- 1 apply subsection (a) in a way that limits the negative im-
- 2 pact to such individual.

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