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Chapter 209

Disabilities Assistance, Aid to the Blind, and Rights of Persons with Visual, Hearing or Physical Disabilities

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Definitions.

209.200. As used in sections 209.200 to [209.204](#), not to exceed the provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act, the following terms shall mean:

- (1) "Disability", as defined in section [213.010](#) including diabetes;
- (2) "Service dog", a dog that is being or has been specially trained to do work or perform tasks which benefit a particular person with a disability. Service dog includes but is not limited to:
 - (a) "Guide dog", a dog that is being or has been specially trained to assist a particular blind or visually impaired person;
 - (b) "Hearing dog", a dog that is being or has been specially trained to assist a particular deaf or hearing-impaired person;
 - (c) "Medical alert or respond dog", a dog that is being or has been trained to alert a person with a disability that a particular medical event is about to occur or to respond to a medical event that has occurred;
 - (d) "Mobility dog", a dog that is being or has been specially trained to assist a person with a disability caused by physical impairments;
 - (e) "Professional therapy dog", a dog which is selected, trained, and tested to provide specific physical therapeutic functions, under the direction and control of a qualified handler who works with the dog as a team as a part of the handler's

occupation or profession. Such dogs, with their handlers, perform such functions in institutional settings, community-based group settings, or when providing services to specific persons who have disabilities. Professional therapy dogs do not include dogs, certified or not, which are used by volunteers in visitation therapy;

(f) "Search and rescue **dog**", a **dog** that is being or has been trained to search for or prevent a person with a mental disability, including but not limited to verbal and nonverbal autism, from becoming lost;

(3) "Service **dog** team", a team consisting of a trained service **dog**, a disabled person or child, and a person who is an adult and who has been trained to handle the service **dog**.

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