



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 65**

February Session, 2008

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**AN ACT ALLOWING BLIND OR PHYSICALLY DISABLED STATE OR QUASI-PUBLIC EMPLOYEES TO USE ACCUMULATED SICK LEAVE FOR GUIDE DOG TRAINING.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) Each appointing  
2 authority shall grant to each full-time employee in a permanent  
3 position in the state service or full-time employee of a quasi-public  
4 agency who (1) is blind or physically disabled, and (2) has been  
5 employed for at least twelve consecutive months, the use of  
6 accumulated paid sick leave, not to exceed fifteen days, to participate  
7 in training conducted by a guide dog organization or assistance dog  
8 organization, provided such organization is a member of a  
9 professional association of guide dog or assistance dog schools, to  
10 prepare the employee to handle a guide dog or assistance dog for the  
11 employee's own use. The appointing authority may require up to  
12 seven-days' advance notice of an employee's intention to use such  
13 leave and may require the employee to provide reasonable  
14 documentation that such leave is being taken for the purpose  
15 permitted under this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	New section
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*Joint Favorable Subst. C/R*

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