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I feel it is important that the ND literature reflect/mirror the literature of the ADA. I am aware that a state can add to, but cannot take away from a federal law, but in a case where there is an absence of words, it may add confusion to an individual's rights and what can be a service animal. ADA states a service animal can be a dog or a miniature horse. As I wish it would substitute "horse" with a more proper term of equine, but that could be for a later discussion.

If I am researching ND laws when it comes to service animals and what can be a service animal, between lines 7 and 8 it reads "other animal." This opens a wide venue of interpretation. My cat, goldfish, flamingo, mole, etc. is an animal, so it can be a service animal. Descriptive words in line 7 such as "guide" and "signal" could be omitted as Assistance Dogs International already defines Assistance as Guide, Hearing, and/or Service.

I would ask that "or protection services" be omitted from line 10 as service animal task could be to act as a passive barrier. Protection is more of an aggressive term and can be construed as an aggressive task.