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Mr. President:

The Health and Human Services Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **S.B. 70**, EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS, by Senator S. McCoy, with the following amendments:

1. Page 5, Line 127 through Page 6, Line 153:

{ ~~127~~ (4) "Veterinarian" means a person:

128 (a) licensed as a veterinarian in Utah under Title 58, Occupations and Professions; or

129 (b) licensed and in good standing as a veterinarian in another state. }

130 Section 5. Section **62A-5b-202** is enacted to read:

131 62A-5b-202. Documentation of emotional support animal.

132 {~~(1)~~ A mental health therapist may provide a person with a disability with  
133 documentation that:

134 {~~(a)~~ **(1)** is signed by the mental health therapist;

135 {~~(b)~~ **(2)** is dated; and

136 {~~(c)~~ **(3)** certifies that in the opinion of the mental health therapist:

137 {~~(i)~~ **(a)** the person has a disability as defined in Section 62A-5b-102; and

138 {~~(ii)~~ **(b)** the person with the disability:

139 {~~(A)~~ **(i)** needs a particular type of emotional support animal; and

140 {~~(B)~~ **(ii)** needs the emotional support animal in a particular location

identified in Section

141 62A-5b-103, except for restaurants or hospitals.

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{ 142 ~~(2) (a) A veterinarian may provide a person with a disability with documentation that:~~  
143 ~~(i) is signed by the veterinarian;~~  
144 ~~(ii) is dated; and~~  
145 ~~(iii) states that:~~  
146 ~~(A) the emotional support animal has received all recommended vaccinations; and~~  
147 ~~(B) in the opinion of the veterinarian, the emotional support animal is socialized or~~  
148 ~~trained to behave appropriately in the particular locations in which the mental health therapist~~  
149 ~~has certified the emotional support animal is needed.~~  
150 ~~(b) A veterinarian who provides a statement under Subsection (2)(a) is not liable for~~  
151 ~~the actions of the animal that is the subject of the statement issued under Subsection (2)(a):~~  
152 ~~(3) The documentation authorized by this section is valid for one year from the date the~~  
153 ~~document is signed. }~~

Respectfully,

D. Chris Buttars  
Committee Chair

Voting: 4-0-1

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