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(Metcalf)

S.B. No. 2333

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to rules permitting service dogs in the Capitol.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 443.018(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The rules adopted under Subsection (a) shall include rules that:

(1) prohibit persons from attaching signs, banners, or other displays to a part of the Capitol or to a structure, including a fence, on the grounds of the Capitol except as approved by the board;

(2) prohibit a visitor from placing furniture in the Capitol or on the grounds of the Capitol for a period that exceeds 24 hours except as approved by the board;

(3) prohibit the setting up or placement of camping equipment, shelter, or related materials in the Capitol or on the grounds of the Capitol except as approved by the board;

(4) prohibit actions that block ingress and egress:  
(A) into the Capitol building; or  
(B) rooms or hallways within the Capitol building, except as approved by the board;

(5) prohibit actions that pose a risk to safety;

(6) provide that members of the public must leave the Capitol when the building is closed to the public;

1           (7) provide that all pets except service [~~Seeing Eye~~  
2 dogs are not permitted in the Capitol, and shall be restrained at  
3 all times on a leash or similar device in the immediate control of  
4 the owner while on the grounds of the Capitol, except as approved by  
5 the board;

6           (8) prohibit the use of skateboards, rollerblades, and  
7 rollerskates in the Capitol or on the grounds of the Capitol; and

8           (9) prohibit a vendor or commercial enterprise from  
9 operating in the Capitol or on the grounds of the Capitol unless the  
10 vendor or commercial enterprise is authorized to do so by the board.

11         SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
12 of this Act, the State Preservation Board shall update the rules  
13 required by Section [443.018](#), Government Code, as amended by this  
14 Act.

15         SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.