

December 5, 2025

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I am vetoing Assembly Bill 366 in its entirety.

This bill would make several changes to Wisconsin law related to emotional support animals and service animals, including: (a) allowing housing providers to request documentation of a prescription or letter from a licensed health professional in order for an individual to keep an emotional support animal; (b) creating new forfeitures for individuals and licensed health professionals related to prescriptions or letters for emotional support animals; (c) changing the definition of "service animal" in public accommodations law; (d) creating penalties for intentionally misrepresenting possession of a service animal in public places of accommodation or amusement; and (e) requiring the Department of Workforce Development to develop and distribute signage and informational materials for businesses in consultation with an outside animal service organization.

While I share the goal of preventing fraudulent representation of emotional support and service animals, I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to the creation of unnecessary barriers for individuals with legitimate disability-related needs. I also object to creating arbitrary barriers to people with disabilities from getting the support and care they need, and I similarly oppose efforts that could jeopardize safe and reliable housing for individuals who rely on emotional support animals for safety, well-being, and stability.

Finally, legislation affecting the rights and protections of Wisconsinites with disabilities should be developed in consultation and collaboration with people with disabilities, disability advocates, housing stakeholders, service animal training organizations, and the department. This bill was not meaningfully developed through this collaborative process. Therefore, I must veto this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Evers Governor