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### **Federal Law Encourages Service Dog Scams**

The American with Disabilities Act (ADA) limits what retail business owners and landlords can ask when uncertain about the validity of a service dog. According to many business owners and landlords, the ADA encourages ordinary dog owners to purchase fake service dog vests and certificates to allow them to bring their pooch inside theaters, hotels, restaurants, and even airplanes. Wounded veterans and civilians who truly need a service dog to cope with their disabilities, including, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), find this very frustrating. Professional service dog trainers and truly disabled persons who need service dogs are increasingly aware of the fake use, agree there is a problem and hope that the ADA will be amended to provide clear, enforceable rules as guidance to business owners, landlords and dog owners. To read a recent full length article about this same issue from the *Orange County Register* please [click here](#).

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