

# The Law on Use of a assistance dog

## Chapter I Introductory article

The subject of The law

### Article 1

By this law, providing assistance and support by using assistance dog or therapy dog to people with disability or chronic illness and to a child with a disability (development difficulties).

Meaning of terms/apprehension

### Article 2

In terms of this Law the certain terms have the following meaning:

(1) **assistance dog client** is:

- an adult of legal capacity, with a disability or chronic illness, whose functional capability to perform daily life actions is decreased and can therefore be enhanced by use of the assistance dog

- an adult or child with a developmental disability or other disability, or a person with a chronic disease deprived of legal capacity when entering into work contracts because their functional ability to perform everyday life actions is decreased, a person who performs actions with an assistance dog or a therapy dog only with an assistance dog handler

(2) a **therapy dog client** is a child with a developmental disability or an adult with a disability and/or chronic disease who is included in individual or group therapy and/or rehabilitation acts/actions with an assistance dog

(3) an **assistance dog** is trained to help/assist in performing everyday life individual needs of its client, whose needs come from their decrease of functional ability in performing everyday life activities, and also dangerous life situations

(4) a **therapy dog** is a trained dog included in individual or group work with therapy dog client in order to accomplish beforehand defined goals of therapeutic and/or rehabilitation procedures

(5) an **assistance dog handler** is an adult qualified/enabled for implementation of work with an assistance dog, who, with the approval of the assistance dog client or his legal representative, assumes the role of an assistance dog handler and who performs activities with the assistance dog client and the assistance dog in accordance with clients' needs

(6) a **professional therapy dog handler** is a professional qualified for work with a therapy dog who performs therapeutic and/or rehabilitation activities with the client and the therapy dog, within his professional activities to accomplish pre-defined goals of therapeutic and/or rehabilitations processes.

(7) a **therapy dog handler** is an individual qualified for work with a therapy dog who performs actions with the beneficiary of a therapy dog in accordance to his needs, only in collaboration/cooperation with a professional

(8) a **professional** is a person who assesses needs of a therapy dog client, then plans and implements therapeutic and/or rehabilitation activities with the assistance dog client in cooperation with the therapy dog handler

(9) an **assistance dog or therapy dog trainer** is an individual who performs the training of a dog for the assistance dog and therapy dog

(10) **assistance dog and therapy dog working instructor** is an individual who performs the training of a dog to become an assistance or a therapy dog, training of the candidates for the assistance dog clients and the candidates for assistance dog handler and/or a therapy dog handler or professional handler

(11) **socializer** (puppy raiser) of an assistance or therapy dog is a person with legal capacity who performs activities with the young dog in order to adjust the dog to conditions in which people live

(12) **the public space** is a closed space intended for collective activity or stay of people, and it includes space in buildings in which are provided services and activities from the field of health care, child protection and safety, social welfare, upbringing and education, trading, performing sports and recreational activities, hospitality and tourism, culture and art, traffic - including waiting rooms, meeting rooms, all halls for gathering people, auditoriums, public transport, elevators, cable cars, public toilets and open spaces intended for theatre plays or cinema projections

(13) **public transport** is a transport accessible under the same conditions to all the users of transport services and it includes carriage by train, tramway, funicular, cable car, bus, taxi, boat, airplane and other transport assets.

### Gender definitions of phrases

#### Article 3

Phrases that are used in this Law, and they have gender definition, are applied equally to male and female gender.

## **CHAPTER II Performance of activities**

The activity of performing assistance and support by using an assistance dog or a therapy dog

### Article 4

(1) The activity of performing assistance and support by using an assistance dog or a therapy dog is an organized action that is carried out for the purpose of acquiring independence of the assistance dog or a therapy dog client - in performing everyday life actions and to increase the quality of life and conduct therapeutic or rehabilitative procedures.

(2) Actions from paragraph one (above) encompass; the instruction of assistance dog clients for the use of an assistance dog, socialization and training of the assistance dog and therapy dog, instruction of the assistance dog handler, instruction of the professional therapy dog handler and therapy dog handler, and education of the assistance dog and therapy dog trainer and the working instructor.

### Conditions for performance of activity

### Article 5

Action from article 4 of this Law can be carried out by a legal entity or a physical person, that is registered to perform actions from article 4 of this Law, and has an adequate facility, equipment, and the necessary number of professionals and other workers for instructing of the assistance dog clients for use of the assistance dog, socialization and training of the assistance dog and therapy dog, for instructing the assistance dog handler, instructing of the professional therapy dog handler and the therapy dog handler, education of the trainers and working instructors of the assistance and/or therapy dogs.

### Determining conditions

### Article 6

(1) Accomplishing conditions for performing activities from Article 4 of this Law is defined by Committee which is appointed by the Minister responsible for social care (in the following text: the Minister)

(2) The arrangement about accomplishing conditions based on the findings of the Committee from paragraph 1 from this article is adopted by the Ministry responsible for social welfare (in the following text: the Ministry)

(3) There cannot be complaint against the arrangement from paragraph 2 of this article but an initiation of an administrative dispute

(4) The conditions of the facility and the equipment, expert and other assistants for performing actions, structure and the working mode of Committee from paragraph 1 of this article is prescribed by the Minister with the prior approval of the Minister of agriculture.

## Entry in the records

### Article 7

(1) Institution, association, other legal entity or physical person (in the following text: the legal entity or physical person) registered for performing an activity from article 4 of this Law can start with activities after entry in the records of the legal entity or physical person performing activities of providing a assistance and support by using an assistance dog or therapy dog.

(2) Registration in the records referred to in paragraph 1 is ex officio implemented by the Ministry based on executive orders referred to in article 6. of paragraph 2. of this Law.

(3) The records referred to paragraph 1 are kept by the Ministry and publicly posted on its website.

(4) Exceptionally from paragraph 1 in this article, the legal entity or physical person who is a member of another state of the European Union or another contracting state of Agreement on the European economic area and the Swiss Confederation who has fulfilled the conditions for carrying out the activities referred to in article 4 this law, may carry out an activity that does not originate from the right to social service in accordance with this law, upon entry in the records referred to in paragraph 1 of this article.

(5) The legal entity or physical person referred to in paragraph 4 of this article is obliged to with the request for the registration in the track of attach proof of the fulfilment of conditions for carrying out the activities referred to in article 4. of this law in accordance with the regulations of the State in which it is established.

(6) The legal entity or physical person referred to in paragraph 4 of this article may carry out an activity referred to in article 4. This law does not originate from the right to social service in accordance with this law, without the obligation of registration in the records referred to in paragraph 1 of this article, if such a service is provided temporarily or occasionally.

(7) The legal entity or physical person referred to in paragraph 6 of this article shall before the beginning of economic activity deliver prior written statement of the purpose of performing the activities to the Ministry.

(8) The statement referred to in paragraph 7 of this article should contain information about the legal entity or physical person for the purpose of informing and equal availability to all subjects who carry out that activity on the territory of the Republic of Croatia.

(9) The statement referred to in paragraph 7 of this article can be delivered by electronic means to the unique contact point for services which has been established at the Croatian Chamber of Commerce.

(10) The content and the way of keeping the records referred to in paragraph 1 of this article are found in the rule book prescribed by the Minister.

## **CHAPTER III Rights and obligations of assistance dog clients and handlers and**

### **therapy dog professional handlers and therapy dog handlers**

#### Rights of assistance dog users and therapy dog handlers

##### Article 8.

- (1) The assistance dog clients, the assistance dog client candidate, the assistance dog handler, the assistance dog handler candidate, the socializer and the working instructor with the assistance dog have the right to access and stay in public space, the right to use public transport without paying for an assistance dog ticket and the right of retention in the space provided for passengers.
- (2) Persons referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article have the right to access and stay at the workplace, in a health, educational and scientific institution and a religious facility with an assistance dog
- (3) The assistance dog client and the assistance dog handler have the right to participate in cultural, entertainment and sports events with the assistance dog without paying for a ticket for the assistance dog.
- (4) By way of exception from the provision of paragraph 2 of this Article, access to and stay in a health care institution may be restricted due to the need to apply special health conditions for the treatment of clients.
- (5) The rights referred to in paragraphs 1 to 3 of this Article shall be exercised upon presentation of a working ID card.
- (6) The rights referred in paragraphs 1 to 3 of this Article shall also be granted to the assistance dog clients who are foreign nationals, upon presentation of an appropriate document of the state of which they are nationals

#### The rights of a therapy dog professional handler and therapy dog handler

##### Article 9.

- (1) A professional therapy dog handler, a candidate for a professional therapy dog handler, a therapy dog handler, a therapy dog handler candidate and a therapy dog trainer shall exercise the right referred to in Article 8, paragraph 1 of this Act exclusively for the purpose of providing service to the therapy dog client.

- (2) The professional therapy dog handler and the candidate for the professional therapy dog handler have the right to access and stay at their workplace with the therapy dog during the provision of the service to the therapy dog client.
- (3) The therapy dog handler and the candidate for the therapy dog handler have the right to access and stay at the workplace of the professional person with the therapy dog during the provision of the service to the therapy dog client.
- (4) The rights referred in this Article shall be exercised upon presentation of a working ID card.

#### Duration of rights

#### Article 10.

The person conducting the dog's socialization, the assistance dog and/or therapy dog trainer, assistance dog and/or therapy dog trainer candidate, the assistance dog and/or therapy dog working instructor and the assistance dog and/or therapy dog working instructor candidate shall exercise the right referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this Act during the socialization or training of the dog, upon presentation of a contract with the service provider or working ID card.

#### Obligations of the client, handler and professional handler of the assistance dog and the therapy dog

#### Article 11.

- (1) The Assistance dog client, assistance dog handler, the professional therapy dog handler and therapy dog handler are obliged to take care of the assistance dog or therapy dog in accordance with the regulations in the field of veterinary medicine and in accordance with contractual obligations.
- (2) The persons referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be responsible for the conduct of the assistance dog or therapy dog in the places referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1 to 3 and Article 9 of this Act.
- (3) The obligations referred to in this Article shall appropriately apply to a person who carries out the socialization of a dog, an assistance dog and/or therapy dog trainer, an assistance and/or therapy dog working instructor. Also candidates for assistance dog client, assistance dog handler, professional therapy dog handler, a therapy dog handler, trainer and working instructor of assistance dogs and therapy dogs.

#### Relation to third parties

#### Article 12.

Persons referred to in Articles 9, 10 and 11 of this Act are obliged to treat with care third parties who have health and / or other contraindications for touching or coming in close proximity to the dog.

## **Chapter IV Training of assistance dog and therapy dog clients**

Training of candidates for Assistance dog clients and Assistance dog handler

### Article 13.

- (1) An adult person with a disability or an adult with a chronic illness whose functional ability to perform daily life activities is reduced and who does not have mental or other illness that would prevent the use of an assistance dog may be trained as an assistance dog client.
- (2) Any person with legal capacity can be trained for therapy dog handler.

Legal entity or physical person who conduct the training, training criteria, and temporary identity card

### Article 14.

- (1) Training of candidates for the assistance dog clients may be carried out by a legal entity or physical person registered for the training of candidates for the assistance dog clients and has a order referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2 of this Act.
- (2) The training of candidates referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be carried out in accordance with the criteria prescribed by the International Guide Dog Federation Standards and the Assistance Dog International Minimum Standards and Ethics.
- (3) During the training, the candidate referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article is entitled to a temporary working ID card proving participation in the training procedure.
- (4) The form and content of the identity card referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article shall be prescribed by the competent Minister.

Application for clients

### Article 15.

1) The request for assistance dog clients training shall be submitted to the legal entity or physical person referred to in Article 14 of this Act.

(2) Assistance dog clients Candidates shall be invited according to the order of received requests with regard to the availability of trained assistance dogs.

### Assessment of competence

#### Article 16.

(1) After mastering the training program, the candidate for the assistance dog client approaches the assessment of competence.

(2) The assessment of the competence of the candidate referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be carried out by the Expert Commission for the Assessment of Competence (hereinafter: the Expert Commission).

(3) The expert commission shall be established by a legal or physical person who conducts the training of candidates referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and shall have three members:

- two representatives of a legal entity or physical person
- one professional person employed in the field of social welfare, upbringing and education or health care.

(4) The work of the Expert Commission shall be managed by a president elected from among the members.

(5) The assessment of the qualifications of the candidates referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be made by a unanimous decision of all members of the Expert Commission.

### Rights and obligations of the candidate and the legal entity or natural person conducting the training after passing the exam

#### Article 17

1) A candidate for an assistance dog client who has passed the qualification assessment exam shall obtain a working ID card for the use of assistance dog

(2) If the use of a assistance dog derives from the right to a social service recognized in accordance with the provisions of the law governing social services, a assistance dog is owned by a legal entity or physical person who is conducting candidates training, assistance dog shall remain in its property and shall be granted to a client free of charge.



(3) If the use of a assistance dog does not derive from the right to a social service, the assistance dog may become the property of the client.

(4) The mutual rights and obligations of the assistance dog client and the owner of the dog and the termination of the use of the assistance dog, shall be regulated by a contract.

(5) The form and content of the working ID card referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be prescribed by the competent Minister

#### The rights of a candidate who failed the exam

##### Article 18

(1) A candidate for an assistance dog client who has not passed the qualification assessment examination shall have the right to additional training and re-access to the qualification assessment examination.

(2) A candidate referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article who, even after additional training, did not pass the qualification assessment examination, shall lose the right to take the examination with the same dog.

Training of candidates for assistance dog client, professional therapy dog handler and therapy dog handler

##### Article 19

The provisions of this Act on the training of candidates for the assistance dog clients shall accordingly apply to the training of candidates for a assistance dog handler, a candidate for a professional therapy dog handler and a candidate for therapy dog handler

#### Involvement of therapy dog clients

##### Article 20

The therapy dog client is involved in therapeutic and / or rehabilitation processes with a professional therapy dog handler or a professional who, in cooperation with the therapy dog handler, performs therapeutic and / or rehabilitation processes with the therapy dog.

## **Chapter V. Socialization and training of dogs**

Socialization and dog training for an Assistance  
and Therapy dog

## Article 21

- 1) Socialization and training of an assistance or therapy dog is carried out by a legal entity or physical person registered for dog training and has a order referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2 of this Act.
- (2) The socialization of a dog includes activities carried out with a dog from two to a maximum of 16 months of age in order to adapt it to the conditions in which a people live and to raise it in healthy and mentally stable dogs.
- (3) The socialization of a dog is carried out by a socializer of a assistance or a therapy dog, free of charge.
- (4) The mutual rights and obligations of the socializer of the assistance or the therapy dog and the dog owner shall be regulated by a contract.
- (5) Dog training includes learning the basic and specific commands and behavior of the dog, adjusting the dog's behavior in accordance with the assessment of the needs of potential clients.
- (6) Training shall be conducted in accordance with the criteria prescribed by the International Guide Dog Federation Standards and the Assistance Dog International Minimum Standards and Ethics.
- (7) During socialization and training, the dog bears the appropriate mark.
- (8) The form and content of the mark referred to in paragraph 7 of this Article shall be prescribed by the competent Minister.

### Assessment of the working ability of the assistant and the therapy dog

## Article 22

- (1) After mastering the training program, the assessment of the dog's working ability shall be carried out by the Expert Commission for the assessment of the dog's working ability.
- (2) The Expert Commission shall be established by a legal entity or physical person who conducts the training of the dog.
- (3) The Expert Commission has three members:
  - two working instructors of assistance and a therapy dog
  - one trainer of assistance and a therapy dog.

(4) The work of the Expert Commission shall be managed by a president elected from among the members.

(5) The assessment of the working ability of the dog shall be made by a unanimous decision of the members of the Expert Commission.

(6) After passing the examination, the dog acquires the title of assistance dog or therapy dog and get assigned the appropriate mark.

(7) If the dog does not pass the exam and does not acquire the title of assistance dog or therapy dog or if he loses his ability to work due to age or illness, the owner of the dog is obliged to take care of him or adopt him.

(8) The form and content of the mark referred to in paragraph 6 of this Article shall be prescribed by the competent Minister.

## **Chapter VI. Education of trainer and working instructors**

Education of trainer of the assistance and therapy dog and education of the working instructor of the assistance and therapy dog

### Article 23

(1) The education of a candidate for a trainer of a assistance dogs, candidate for a trainer of a therapy dog, candidate for a working instructor of a assistance dog and a therapy dog shall be carried out by a legal entity or physical person registered for education and has a order for it.

(2) The legal entity or physical person referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall prepare a curriculum and education plan in accordance with the criteria prescribed by the International Guide Dog Federation Standards and Assistance Dog International Minimum. Standards and Ethics.

(3) A candidate for a trainer of a assistance dog, candidate for a trainer of a therapy dog, candidate for a working instructor of a assistance dog and a therapy dog during education have a temporary working ID card proving their participation in the education.

(4) The form and content of the identity card referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article shall be prescribed by the competent Minister.

Professional assessment of assistance and therapy dog trainer  
and assistance and therapy dog working instructor

### Article 24

(1) Upon completion of education, the candidate referred to in Article 23, paragraph 1 of this Act shall take an qualification assessment exam by Professional Assessment Committee.

(2) The Committee shall be set up by the legal entity or physical person conducting the education of candidates referred to in Article 23, paragraph 1 of this Act.

(3) The Committee shall consist of three Members:

– two working instructors of assistance and therapy dogs

– a competent person conducting therapy/rehabilitation activities with clients of assistance or therapy dogs.

(4) The Committee shall be managed by the President appointed by the Members among themselves.

(5) Professional assessment shall be determined unanimously by the Members of the Professional Assessment Committee.

(6) The candidate for assistance dog trainer, the candidate for therapy dog trainer, the candidate for working instructor of an assistance dog and therapy dog have a working ID card by the service provider.

(7) The format and content of the ID card referred to in paragraph 6 of this Article shall be prescribed by the competent Minister.

#### *Records*

#### Article 25

A legal entity or physical person performing the activities referred to in Article 4 of this Act shall maintain records on the candidates for assistance dog clients, trained assistance dog clients, therapy dog clients, candidates for assistance dog handlers, trained assistance dog handlers, therapy dog handlers and professional therapy dog handlers, dogs in training for assistance and therapy dogs, trained assistance and therapy dogs, candidates for trainers and work instructors of assistance and therapy dogs and educated trainers and work instructors of assistance and therapy dogs.

## **Chapter VI Contracting services and funding**

### *Contracting services*

#### Article 26

(1) Based on the identified needs on the number and type of social services established by the social services network, a legal entity or physical person will conclude a funding agreement with the competent Ministry.

(2) The Ministry shall publish a public tender for submitting offers to conclude funding agreements referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

(3) Offers to conclude an agreement referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article may be submitted by any legal entity or physical person possessing the enforceable order referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2 of this Act and entered in the records referred to in Article 7, paragraph 1 of this Act.

(4) The decision on best bidder shall be adopted by the Committee set up by the Minister.

(5) The legal entity or physical person performing the activities referred to in Article 4 of this Act may perform these activities without concluding the agreement if they comply with the conditions referred to in Article 5 of this Act.

### *Funding the use of an assistance and therapy dog*

#### Article 27

Funds for the financing of the use of an assistance and therapy dog are provided by a legal entity or physical person who is performing the activity referred to in Article 4 of this Act from:

- the state budget based on the contract concluded with the Ministry
- from income generated from other sources of funding.

## **Chapter VIII Cessation of activities**

#### Article 28

(1) The legal entity or physical person shall cease performing activities referred to in Article 4 of this Act by:

- dissolution of the legal entity in accordance with special regulations
- the death of a physical person if the successors do not continue performing activities through a temporary manager
- enforceability of the order by the Ministry issued on the basis of the decision of the legal entity person or the physical person regarding the cessation of activities
- enforceability of the order issued by the social welfare inspector or senior social welfare inspector on the prohibition of professional activity in accordance with the provision of the act governing social welfare activities.

(2) The Order referred to in paragraph 1, subparagraph 3 of this Article shall be made on the request of a legal entity or physical person.

(3) The Order referred to in paragraph 1, subparagraphs 3 and 4 of this Article cannot be appealed, but administrative proceedings may be instituted against it.

(4) The legal entity or physical person shall be deleted from the Ministry records on the basis of the order on termination of work, the order on the cessation of activities or a notice of the competent authority.

## **Chapter IX Supervision**

### **Article 29**

(1) The administrative supervision of the enforcement of this Act and the regulations adopted pursuant to this Act shall be carried out by the Ministry.

(2) Supervision over the work of legal entity or physical persons carrying out activities referred to in Article 4 of this Act shall be carried out by social welfare inspectors and senior welfare inspectors employees of the Ministry (hereinafter: inspectors) in accordance with the provisions of the legislation regulating social welfare.

## **Chapter X Misdemeanor provisions**

### **Article 30**

(1) Legal persons shall be fined for a misdemeanor in the amount from HRK 5,000.00 to HRK 20,000.00, who prevent access to any public space, prevent the use of public transportation without having to pay an extra ticket for the assistance dog or prevent stay in passenger-designated areas to assistance dog clients, candidates for assistance dog client, assistance dog handlers, candidates for assistance dog handlers, assistance dog socializers and working instructors with assistance dogs (Article 8, paragraph 1).

(2) The responsible person in the legal person shall also be fined in the amount from HRK 1,000.00 to HRK 10,000.00 for the misdemeanor referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

### **Article 31**

(1) Legal persons shall be fined for a misdemeanor in the amount from HRK 5,000.00 to HRK 20,000.00 who prevent access to place of work, health, education, science and religious institution to assistance dog clients, candidates for assistance dog client, assistance dog handlers, candidates for assistance dog handlers, assistance dog socializers and working instructors with assistance dogs (Article 8, paragraph 2).

(2) The responsible person in the legal person shall also be fined in the amount from HRK 1,000.00 to HRK 10,000.00 for the misdemeanor referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

(3) A physical person shall be fined in the amount from HRK 1,000.00 to HRK 5,000.00 for the misdemeanor referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

## Article 32

(1) Legal persons shall be fined for a misdemeanor in the amount from HRK 5,000.00 to HRK 20,000.00 who prevent access to cultural, entertainment and sporting events without having to pay an extra ticket for the assistance dog to assistance dog clients and assistance dog handlers (Article 8, paragraph 3).

(2) The responsible person in the legal person shall also be fined in the amount from HRK 1,000.00 to HRK 10,000.00 for the misdemeanor referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

(3) A physical person shall be fined in the amount from HRK 1,000.00 to HRK 5,000.00 for the misdemeanor referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

## Article 33

(1) Legal persons shall be fined for a misdemeanor in the amount from HRK 5,000.00 to HRK 20,000.00 who prevent access and stay at a working place to professional therapy dog handlers and candidates for professional therapy dog handler (Article 9, paragraph 2).

(2) Legal persons shall be fined for a misdemeanor in the amount from HRK 5,000.00 to HRK 20,000.00 who prevent access and stay at a working place to therapy dog handler and candidates for therapy dog handler qualified handlers of assistance dogs (Article 9, paragraph 3).

(3) The responsible person in the legal person shall also be fined in the amount from HRK 1,000.00 to HRK 10,000.00 for the misdemeanor referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article.

(4) A physical person shall be fined in the amount from HRK 1,000.00 to HRK 5,000.00 for the misdemeanor referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article.

## Article 34

(1) Legal persons shall be fined for a misdemeanor in the amount from HRK 10,000.00 to HRK 50,000.00 if they:

– carry out the activity referred to in Article 4 of this Act and are not registered in the Register of legal and Physical persons performing the activity of providing assistance and support using an assistance or therapy dog (Article 7, paragraphs 1 and 4)

– continue operations after an enforceable order by the Ministry determining the cessation of activities or after they had their operations suspended by an enforceable order issued by the social welfare inspector or senior social welfare inspector (Article 28, paragraph 1, subparagraphs 3 and 4).

(2) The responsible person in the legal person shall also be fined in the amount from HRK 1,000.00 to HRK 10,000.00 for the misdemeanor referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

(3) A physical person shall be fined in the amount of HRK 10,000.00 to HRK 50,000.00 if they:

- carry out the activity referred to in Article 4 of this Act and are not registered in the Register of legal and physical persons performing the activity of providing assistance and support using an assistance or therapy dog (Article 7, paragraphs 1 and 4)
- continue operations after an enforceable order by the Ministry determining the cessation of activities or after they had their operations suspended by an enforceable order issued by the social welfare inspector or senior social welfare inspector (Article 28, paragraph 1, subparagraphs 3 and 4).
- fail to care for the assistance or therapy dog in accordance with veterinary regulations and in accordance with contractual obligations (Article 11, paragraph 1).

## **Chapter XI Transitional and final provisions**

### **Article 35**

Procedures not completed until the entry into force of this Act shall be completed in accordance with the provisions of the Act on the Free Movement of Visually Impaired Persons with Guide Dog (OG 131/98).

### **Article 36**

The Minister shall adopt the rule books referred to in Article 6, paragraph 4, Article 7, paragraph 10, Article 14, paragraph 4, Article 17, paragraph 5, Article 21, paragraph 8, Article 22, paragraph 8, Article 23, paragraph 4 and Article 24, paragraph 7 of this Act within six months from the day this Act enters into force.

### **Article 37**

Until the entry into force of the rule books referred to in Article 17, paragraph 5 of this Act the Rule book on Training Visually Impaired Persons to Use Guide Dogs shall remain in force (OG 48/99).

### **Article 38**

On the day of entry into force of this Act, the Act on the Free Movement of Visually Impaired Persons with Guide Dog (OG 131/98).

### **Article 39**

This Act shall enter into force on the eighth day after the day of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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