

immediately after Section 141 of said Article, prescribing the manner in which any blind or partially blind pedestrian may secure the right-of-way at certain street crossings or intersections.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles", sub-title "Operation of Vehicles Upon Highways", said new section to be known as Section 141A, to follow immediately after Section 141 of said Article, and to read as follows:

141A. At any street or road crossing or intersection where the movement of traffic is not regulated by a traffic officer or by traffic control signals, any blind or partially blind pedestrian shall be entitled to the right-of-way at such crossing or intersection if he shall, before attempting to cross, extend before him at arm's length a cane of white color, or white tipped with red. Upon receiving such a signal, all vehicles at or approaching such crossing or intersection shall immediately come to a full stop, leaving a clear lane through which such person may pass, and they shall remain stationary until such person has completed the passage of such crossing or intersection. Nothing in this section shall be construed as affecting the movement of traffic at any crossing or intersection where the movement of traffic is regulated by a traffic officer or by traffic control signals.

Any operator of a vehicle who violates the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than One Dollar (\$1.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Any person who is not blind or partially blind and who shall use or carry a cane of white color, or white tipped with red, in the manner described in this section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than One Dollar (\$1.00) nor more than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed by a yea and nay, vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved February 28, 1945.