

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 33 of Article 30 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Supplement), title "Deaf, Mute or Blind," subtitle "Miscellaneous," be and it is hereby repealed; and that said subtitle be and it is hereby repealed; and that new Section 33 be and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the section repealed, to be under the new subtitle "White Cane Law," and to read as follows:

【Miscellaneous】

【33. Right of blind person to public facilities; guide dog.

(a) *Blind persons entitled to public facilities.*—The blind are entitled to full accommodations, advantages, facilities, and privileges of all common carriers, airplanes, motor vehicles, railroad trains, motor buses, streetcars, boats or any other public conveyances or modes of transportation, hotels, lodging places, places of public accommodation, amusement or resort, and other places to which the general public is invited, subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable to all persons.

(b) *Right of blind person to be accompanied by guide dog.*—Every blind person shall have the right to be accompanied by a guide dog, especially trained for the purpose, in any of the places listed in subsection (a) without being required to pay an extra charge for the guide dog, provided that he shall be liable for any damage done to the premises or facilities by such dog.

(c) *Denial or interference with blind person's rights under section.*—Any person or persons, firm or corporation, to the agent of any person or persons, firm or corporation who denies or interferes with admittance to or enjoyment of the public facilities enumerated in this section or otherwise interferes with the rights of a totally or partially blind person under this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars for each offense.】

*White Cane Law*

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(a) *It is the policy of this State to encourage and enable the blind ~~and~~ OR the visually handicapped to participate fully in the social and economic life of the State and to engage in remunerative employment.*

(b) *It is the policy of this State that the blind ~~and~~ OR visually handicapped shall be employed in the State service, the service of the political subdivisions of the State, in the public schools, and in all other employment supported in whole or in part by public funds on the same terms and conditions as the ~~able-bodied~~ PERSONS NOT SO HANDICAPPED, unless it is shown that the particular ~~disability~~ HANDICAP prevents the performances of the work involved.*

(c) *The blind ~~and~~ OR the visually handicapped have the same right as the ~~able-bodied~~ PERSONS NOT SO HANDICAPPED to the full and free use of the streets, highways, sidewalks, walkways, public buildings, public facilities, and other public places.*

(d)(1) *The blind ~~and~~ OR the visually handicapped are entitled to full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, and privileges*