

(b) It is the policy of this State that the blind or visually handicapped AND THE DEAF OR AUDIO 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 persons not so handicapped, unless it is shown that the particular handicap prevents the performances of the work involved.

(c) The blind or the visually handicapped AND THE DEAF OR AUDIO HANDICAPPED have the same right as the 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 or the visually handicapped AND THE DEAF OR AUDIO HANDICAPPED are entitled to full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, and privileges of all common carriers, airplanes, motor vehicles, railroad trains, motor buses, streetcars, boats or other public conveyances or modes of transportation, hotels, lodging places, places of public accommodations, amusement, or resort, or other places to which the general public is invited, subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable to all persons.

(2) A blind or visually handicapped pedestrian USING A GUIDE DOG AND not carrying a cane predominantly white or metallic in color (with or without a red tip); OR A DEAF OR AUDIO HANDICAPPED PEDESTRIAN USING A GUIDE DOG NOT WEARING AN ORANGE LICENSE TAG OR ORANGE COLLAR AND ON A LEASH; or A BLIND OR VISUALLY HANDICAPPED PEDESTRIAN OR A DEAF OR AUDIO HANDICAPPED PEDESTRIAN using a guide dog in any of the places, accommodations or conveyances listed in paragraph (1) of this subsection (d), has all the rights and privileges conferred by law upon any other person.

(3) The failure of a blind or visually handicapped pedestrian ~~OR A DEAF OR AUDIO HANDICAPPED PEDESTRIAN~~ to carry a cane predominantly white or metallic in color (with or without a red tip) OR A DEAF OR AUDIO HANDICAPPED PEDESTRIAN TO USE A GUIDE DOG WEARING AN ORANGE LICENSE TAG OR ORANGE COLLAR AND ON A LEASH, or to use a guide dog in any of the places, accommodations, or conveyances listed in paragraph (1) of this subsection (d) shall not be held to constitute contributory negligence per se.

(e) Nothing in this section modifies or alters the provisions of § 21-511 of the Transportation Article as to the right-of-way of blind OR DEAF OR AUDIO HANDICAPPED pedestrians crossing highways.

(f) Every blind or visually handicapped person OR DEAF OR AUDIO HANDICAPPED PERSON has the right to be accommodated by a guide dog, especially trained for the purpose, in any of the places listed in paragraph (1) of