

~~of certain handicapped individuals requiring that the court shall order certain persons to pay attorney's fees under certain circumstances, and providing that certain acts by certain blind, visually handicapped, or deaf individuals shall not be held to constitute contributory negligence.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 30 - Deaf, Mute or Blind  
Section 33(d)(3) and (g)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 30 - Deaf, Mute or Blind

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~~(d)(3) The failure of a blind or visually handicapped pedestrian to carry a cane predominantly white or metallic in color (with or without a red tip) or a deaf or hearing impaired pedestrian to use a guide dog wearing an orange license tag, 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.~~

(g)(1) Any person or persons, firm, or corporation, or 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 blind or visually handicapped person or a deaf or hearing impaired person under this section, is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject upon conviction to a fine not exceeding [fifty dollars] \$1,000 \$500 for each offense.

~~(2) ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE CIVILLY LIABLE TO THE INJURED PARTY FOR DAMAGES.~~

~~(3) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTY OR PAYMENT, THE COURT SHALL ORDER ANY PERSON CONVICTED OF A MISDEMEANOR OR FOUND CIVILLY LIABLE UNDER THIS SECTION TO PAY THE ATTORNEY'S FEES OF THE INJURED PARTY.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1983.

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