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WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1982

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SENATE BILL NO. 10

(By Mr. Boettner)

PASSED February 16, 1982
In Effect ninety days from Passage



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AN ACT to amend and reenact section four, article fifteen, chapter five of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to officers, boards and commissions; white cane law; equal right to use public facilities; establishing the same provision for "hearing ear dogs" that seeing eye dogs enjoy.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section four, article fifteen, chapter five of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 15. WHITE CANE LAW.

§5-15-4. Equal right to use public facilities.

- 1 (a) Blind persons shall have the same right as persons
- 2 with normal sight to the full and free use of the highways,
- 3 roads, streets, sidewalks, walkways, public buildings,
- 4 public facilities, and other public places.
- 5 (b) Blind persons are entitled to full and equal ac-
- 6 commodations, advantages, facilities and privileges of all
- 7 common carriers, airplanes, motor vehicles, railroad trains,
- 8 motor buses, streetcars, boats or any other public con-
- 9 veyances or modes of transportation, hotels, lodging
- 10 places, restaurants, other places of public accommoda-
- 11 tion, amusement or resort, and other places to which the
- 12 general public is invited, subject only to the conditions

13 and limitations established by law and applicable alike to
14 all persons.

15 (c) Every blind person and every deaf person shall
16 have the right to be accompanied by a guide dog, wearing
17 a harness, especially trained for the purpose, which serves
18 as a guide, leader or listener in any of the places, ac-
19 commodations or conveyances specified in subsection (b)
20 of this section without being required to pay an extra
21 charge for the admission of such guide dog, but the blind
22 or deaf person shall, upon request, present for inspection
23 credentials issued by an accredited school for training
24 guide dogs. The blind or deaf person shall be liable for
25 any damage done by such guide dog to the premises or
26 facilities or to persons using such premises or facilities.
27 Such dog shall not occupy a seat in any public conveyance
28 and shall be upon a leash while using the facilities of a
29 common carrier.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

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Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within *approved* this the *27*

day of *Feb*, 1982.

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