WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1984

ENROLLED

SENATE BILL NO. 26e

(By Mr. Columbo)

PASSED March 10, 1984

In Effect Passage
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 the equal right of blind and disabled persons to use public facilities; trained dogs permitted in public facilities.

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 and disabled persons shall have the same right as persons with normal sight to the full and free use of the highways, roads, streets, sidewalks, walkways, public buildings, public facilities, and other public places.

2 (b) Blind and disabled persons 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 any other public conveyances or modes of transportation, hotels, lodging places, restaurants, other 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 alike to all persons.
(c) Every blind person, every deaf person and every
person who is physically disabled because of any
neurological, muscular or skeletal disorder that causes
weakness or inability to perform any physical function
shall have the right to be accompanied by a guide or support
dog, wearing a harness, especially trained for the purpose,
which serves as a guide, leader, listener or support in any of
the places, accommodations or conveyances specified in
subsection (b) of this section without being required to pay
an extra charge for the admission of such guide or support
dog, but the blind, deaf or disabled person shall, upon
request, present for inspection credentials issued by an
accredited school for training guide or support dogs. The
blind, deaf or disabled person shall be liable for any damage
done by such guide or support dog to the premises or
facilities or to persons using such premises or facilities.
Such dog shall not occupy a seat in any public conveyance
and shall be upon a leash while using the facilities of a
common carrier.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the
foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

James L. Davis
Chairman Senate Committee

Donald Anello
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect from passage.

Judd C. Under
Clerk of the Senate

Donald L. Topp
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Walter P. McSwain
President of the Senate

Joe M. Zee Jr.
Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 30
day of Maryland, 1984.

John Dwyer
Governor