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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

775 ILCS 30/3

from Ch. 23, par. 3363

Amends the White Cane Law. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the rights of the blind and others.

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AN ACT concerning human rights.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The White Cane Law is amended by changing 5 Section 3 as follows:

6 (775 ILCS 30/3) (from Ch. 23, par. 3363)

Sec. 3. <u>The</u> The blind, the visually handicapped, the hearing impaired, persons who are subject to epilepsy or other seizure disorders, and the otherwise physically disabled have the same right as the able-bodied to the full and free use of the streets, highways, sidewalks, walkways, public buildings, public facilities and other public places.

13 The blind, the visually handicapped, the hearing impaired, 14 persons who are subject to epilepsy or other seizure disorders, and the otherwise physically disabled are entitled to full and 15 equal accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges of 16 17 all common carriers, airplanes, motor vehicles, railroad trains, motor buses, street cars, boats or any other public 18 19 conveyances or modes of transportation, hotels, lodging 20 places, places of public accommodation, amusement or resort and 21 other places to which the general public is invited, subject 22 only to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable alike to all persons. 23

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Every totally or partially blind, hearing impaired, person 1 2 who is subject to epilepsy or other seizure disorders, or 3 otherwise physically disabled person or a trainer of support 4 dogs, quide dogs, seizure-alert dogs, seizure-response dogs, 5 or hearing dogs shall have the right to be accompanied by a 6 support dog or quide dog especially trained for the purpose, or 7 a dog that is being trained to be a support dog, guide dog, seizure-alert dog, seizure-response dog, or hearing dog, in any 8 of the places listed in this Section without being required to 9 10 pay an extra charge for the guide, support, seizure-alert, 11 seizure-response, or hearing dog; provided that he shall be 12 liable for any damage done to the premises or facilities by 13 such dog.

14 (Source: P.A. 92-187, eff. 1-1-02; 93-532, eff. 1-1-04.)

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