

CHAPTER 138

(House Bill 98)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 141A of Article 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles," sub-title "Operation of Vehicles Upon Highways," relating to the crossing of intersections by blind pedestrians.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 141A of Article 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles," sub-title "Operation of Vehicles Upon Highways," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

141A. (Blind Pedestrian.) At any street or road crossing or intersection where the movement of traffic is not regulated by a traffic officer or by traffic control signals, any blind or partially blind pedestrian shall be entitled to the right-of-way at such crossing or intersection if he shall, before attempting to cross, extend before him at arm's length a cane of white color, or white tipped with red or a chrome, nickel, aluminum, or other reflecting or shining metal cane, or if he is accompanied by a guide dog. Upon receiving such a signal, all vehicles, including street cars and trackless trolleys, at or approaching such crossing or intersection shall immediately come to a full stop, leaving a clear lane through which such person may pass, and they shall remain stationary until such person has completed the passage of such crossing or intersection. Nothing in this section shall be construed as affecting the movement of traffic at any crossing or intersection where the movement of traffic is regulated by a traffic officer or by traffic control signals, except that if any such blind or partially blind pedestrian, having such a cane or accompanied by a guide dog, shall be part way across an intersection at the time the traffic control signals change, he shall have the right of way in completing his passage across the intersection.

Any operator of a vehicle, including street cars and trackless trolleys, who violates the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than One Dollar (\$1.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Any person who is not blind or partially blind and who shall use or carry a cane of white color, or white tipped with red, or a chrome, nickel, aluminum, or other reflecting