

Article 30 – Deaf, Mute or Blind

Section 33(d), (f), (i), (j), and (k)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

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(c) The blind or the visually handicapped and the deaf or hearing impaired have the same right as the persons not so handicapped to the full and free use of the streets, highways, sidewalks, walkways, public buildings, public facilities, and other public places.

(d) (1) The blind or the visually handicapped and the deaf or hearing impaired 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 other public conveyances or modes of transportation, hotels, lodging places, places of public accommodations, amusement, or resort, or other places to which the general public is invited, subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable to all persons.

(2) A blind or visually handicapped pedestrian using a [guide] SERVICE dog and not carrying a cane predominantly white or metallic in color (with or without a red tip); or a deaf or hearing impaired pedestrian using a [guide] SERVICE dog not wearing an orange license tag or orange collar and on a leash; or a blind or visually handicapped pedestrian or a deaf or hearing impaired pedestrian using a [guide] SERVICE dog in any of the places, accommodations or conveyances listed in paragraph (1) of this ~~subsection~~, SUBSECTION; OR A SERVICE DOG TRAINER ACCOMPANIED BY A DOG THAT IS BEING TRAINED AS A SERVICE DOG DISPLAYING THE IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (L) OF THIS SECTION, has all the rights and privileges conferred by law upon any other person.

(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] SERVICE dog wearing an orange license tag, orange collar and on a leash, or to use a [guide] SERVICE dog in any of the places, accommodations, or conveyances listed in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall not be held to constitute contributory negligence per se.

(f) Every blind or visually handicapped person or deaf or hearing impaired person has the right to be accompanied by a [guide] SERVICE dog, especially trained for the purpose, in any of the places listed in paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of this section, without being required to pay an extra charge for the [guide] SERVICE dog; however, [he] THE PERSON is liable for any damage done to the premises or facilities by [his] THE SERVICE dog.

(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