Bill No. 34 of 1947.

A BILL RESTRICTING THE USE OF WHITE CANES EXCEPT BY BLIND PERSONS

NOTE.

This Bill proposes the enactment of a new Act, the purpose of which is to prevent persons other than "blind persons" as defined in the Act from using in public places "white canes" as defined in the Act. Section 4 imposes a penalty for violation of the Act.

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(*This note does not form any part of the Bill but is offered in explanation of its provisions.*)

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(Assented to   , 1947.)

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as *"The Blind Persons White Cane Act."*

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(*a*) "Blind person" means a person who is registered as blind with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, or who, on account of blindness, receives a pension from the Government of Alberta, or who may be certified by a qualified eye specialist as having not more than 6/60 vision according to Snellen's Chart in the better eye after correction with glasses;

(*b*) "White cane" means a cane or walking stick, the whole or the upper two-thirds of which is painted white.

3. No person other than a blind person shall carry or use a white cane in any public thoroughfare, public conveyance or in any other public place or place where the public is permitted to have access.

4. Any person who violates the provisions of section 3 shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars and costs.

5. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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