

# HOUSE BILL No. 6065

November 29, 2016, Introduced by Rep. Singh and referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice.

A bill to amend 1937 PA 10, entitled

"An act to define the use of travel aids by blind persons; to provide protection against accidents to such persons; to require instruction and examination in certain circumstances; and to provide penalties for violation hereof,"

by amending sections 1a and 3 (MCL 752.51a and 752.53), section 1a as amended by 2002 PA 401 and section 3 as amended by 1986 PA 62.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1           Sec. 1a. As used in this act:

2           (a) "Blind" means a person who has a visual acuity of 20/200  
3 or less in the better eye with correction, or has limitation of his  
4 or her field of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual  
5 field subtends an angular distance not greater than 20 degrees.

6           (b) "Cane" means an aid used by a blind pedestrian for travel  
7 and identification purposes that is **PREDOMINANTLY** white **OR METALLIC**  
8 in color with or without a red tip.

1 (c) "Crosswalk" means that term as defined in section 10 of  
2 the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.10.

3 (d) "Dog guide" means a dog, in harness, that has been  
4 formally trained and that is used by a blind person as a travel  
5 aid.

6 (e) "Walker" means an aid used by a blind pedestrian for  
7 travel and identification purposes that is white in color or has  
8 white legs with or without a red tip.

9 Sec. 3. **(1)** A person who violates section 2(1) is guilty of a  
10 misdemeanor ~~punishable~~ by imprisonment for not more than 90 days  
11 ~~or by a fine of not more~~ **LESS** than \$100.00 **AND NOT MORE THAN**  
12 **\$500.00**, or both.

13 **(2) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SECTION 2(1) CAUSING INJURY OF A**  
14 **BLIND PERSON IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT**  
15 **FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 YEAR OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000.00, OR**  
16 **BOTH.**

17 **(3) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SECTION 2(1) CAUSING THE DEATH OF A**  
18 **BLIND PERSON IS GUILTY OF A FELONY PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR**  
19 **NOT MORE THAN 15 YEARS OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$7,500.00, OR**  
20 **BOTH.**

21 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
22 after the date it is enacted into law.