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IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. WILBUR

HOUSE BILL NO. 19

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act to protect the blind and incapacitated pedestrians on public street and highways; requiring vehicles to come to a full stop in certain cases; restricting the use of certain colored canes by other pedestrians; and imposing penalties."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

Section 1. It is unlawful for any person, unless totally or partially blind or otherwise incapacitated, while on any public street or highway, to carry in a raised or extended position a cane or walking stick which is white in color or white tipped with red.

Section 2. Whenever a pedestrian is crossing or attempting to cross a public street or highway, guided by a guide dog or carrying in a raised or extended position a cane or walking stick which is white in color or white tipped with red, the driver of every vehicle approaching the intersection, or place where such pedestrian is attempting to cross, shall bring his vehicle to a full stop before arriving at such intersection or place of crossing, and before proceeding shall take such precautions as may be necessary to avoid injuring such pedestrian.

Section 3. Nothing contained in this act shall be con-

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1 strued to deprive any totally or partially blind or otherwise  
2 incapacitated person, not carrying such a cane or walking  
3 stick or not being guided by a dog, of the rights and privi-  
4 leges conferred by law upon pedestrians crossing streets or  
5 highways, nor shall the failure of such totally or partially  
6 blind or otherwise incapacitated person to carry a cane or  
7 walking stick, or to be guided by a guide dog upon the streets,  
8 highways or sidewalks of this Territory, be held to constitute  
9 nor be evidence of contributory negligence.

10 Section 4, Any person who violates any provision of this  
11 Act, shall upon summary conviction thereof, be sentenced to  
12 pay a fine not exceeding <sup>and hundred \$100.00</sup> twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and  
13 ~~or be imprisoned not more than 30 days or both~~  
14 ~~costs of prosecution, and in default of payment thereof, shall~~  
15 ~~undergo imprisonment not exceeding ten (10) days.~~  
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