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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 418 (HESS)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the rights of blind and physic-
7 ally disabled persons."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 18.06.020(c) is amended to read:

10 (c) Totally or partially blind persons and physically disabled
11 persons have the right to be accompanied by a guide or service animal,
12 [DOG] especially trained for the purpose, in any of the places listed
13 in (b) of this section without being required to pay an extra charge
14 for the guide animal [DOG]; however, the person with the guide animal
15 [DOG] is liable for any damage done to the premises or facilities by
16 the animal [DOG].

17 * Sec. 2. AS 18.06.030 is amended to read:

18 Sec. 18.06.030. RIGHTS AS PEDESTRIANS. The driver of a motor
19 vehicle approaching a totally or partially blind pedestrian who is
20 carrying a cane predominantly white or metallic in color, with or
21 without a red tip, or using a guide animal [DOG] shall take all neces-
22 sary precautions to avoid injury to the pedestrian, and a driver who
23 fails to take all necessary precautions and causes injury to the
24 pedestrian is liable in damages for the injury caused. A totally
25 blind or partially blind pedestrian not carrying a cane as described
26 in this section or using a guide animal [DOG] in any of the places,
27 accommodations or conveyances set out under AS 18.06.020 has all of
28 the rights and privileges conferred by law upon other persons, and the
29 failure of a totally or partially blind pedestrian to carry a cane as

1 described in this section or to use a guide animal [DOG] is not by
2 itself evidence of [CONTRIBUTORY] negligence.