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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 418 (HESS) am

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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

1 failure of a totally or partially blind pedestrian <u>or a physically</u>
2 <u>disabled pedestrian</u> to carry a cane as described in this section or to
3 use a guide <u>animal</u> [DOG] is not by itself evidence of [CONTRIBUTORY]
4 negligence.