

(S.B. 49)

**Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:**

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

Sec. 2. Whenever a totally or partially blind pedestrian is crossing or attempting to cross a public street or highway at an intersection or crosswalk, guided by a guide dog or carrying in a raised or extended position a cane or walking stick which is metallic or white in color or white tipped with red, the driver of every vehicle approaching the said intersection or crosswalk shall take such precautions as may be necessary to avoid injuring or endangering such pedestrian, and if injury or danger to such pedestrian can be avoided only by bringing his vehicle to a full stop, he shall bring

his said vehicle to a full stop.

Sec. 3. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed to deprive any totally or partially blind person, not carrying such a cane or walking stick or not being guided by a dog, of the rights and privileges conferred by law upon pedestrians crossing streets or highways; nor shall the failure of such totally or partially blind person to carry a cane or walking stick or to be guided by a guide dog upon the streets, highways or sidewalks of this State be held to constitute nor be evidence of contributory negligence.

Sec. 4. Any person who violates any provision of this Act shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars (\$25) and costs of prosecution, and in default of payment thereof shall undergo imprisonment not exceeding ten (10) days.

Sec. 5. Chapter 9, SLA 1953 is hereby repealed.

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## CHAPTER 77

### AN ACT

**Relating to contracts for school student transportation; amending Sec. 3, Art. IV, Ch. 82, SLA 1955, as amended by Ch. 86, Ch. 124 and Ch. 186, SLA 1957; and providing for an effective date.**

(S.B. 84)

**Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:**

Section 1. Sec. 3 of Art. IV, Ch. 82, SLA 1955, as amended by Ch. 86, Ch. 124 and Ch. 186, SLA 1957, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection (6) thereto:

(6) The provisions of this section relative to competitive bids shall not apply to those contracts for the operation of transportation systems for students to and from the schools within

the state, as are authorized under the provisions of Sec. 37-2-8 (7), ACLA 1949, as amended. Such contracts may be awarded by bid or negotiation and, at the discretion of the Board of Education or its successor to the function of providing student transportation, such contracts may be awarded for periods of three years or less.

Sec. 2. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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