



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

HB2643

by Rep. William Davis

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 60/5
625 ILCS 60/20

Amends the Pedestrians with Disabilities Safety Act. Adds to the definition of "pedestrian with a disability" a person who may require the use of a mobility device, service animal, or white cane to travel on the walking, running, or bicycle paths of this State. Provides that if the Governor takes public notice of Pedestrians with Disabilities Safety Day (October 15) and issues a proclamation, he may discuss the history of laws protecting pedestrians with disabilities and may emphasize the need of all citizens to keep safe and functional for persons with disabilities the walking, running, or bicycle paths of this State.

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1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Pedestrians with Disabilities Safety Act is
5 amended by changing Sections 5 and 20 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 60/5)

7 Sec. 5. Definitions. For purposes of this Act:

8 "Mobility device" means a support cane, walker, crutches,
9 wheelchair, scooter, or other device, which may be necessary
10 for use by a pedestrian with a disability when traveling.

11 "Pedestrian with a disability" means a person with a
12 disability, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act,
13 who may require the use of a mobility device, service animal,
14 or white cane to travel on the streets, sidewalks, highways,
15 ~~and walkways, and walking, running, or bicycle paths~~ of this
16 State.

17 "Service animal" means a service animal as defined by the
18 Code of Federal Regulations (28 CFR 36.104).

19 "White cane" means a cane that is predominantly white or
20 metallic in color, with or without a red tip, that is held in
21 an extended or raised position.

22 (Source: P.A. 96-1167, eff. 7-22-10.)

1 (625 ILCS 60/20)

2 Sec. 20. Proclamation. Each year, the Governor is
3 authorized and requested to designate and take suitable public
4 notice of Pedestrians with Disabilities Safety Day (October 15)
5 and to issue a proclamation which:

6 (1) comments upon the necessity for and significance of
7 the Pedestrians with Disabilities Safety Act and discusses
8 the history of laws protecting pedestrians with
9 disabilities;

10 (2) calls upon the citizens of the State to observe the
11 provisions of the Pedestrians with Disabilities Safety Act
12 and to take precautions necessary for the safety of
13 pedestrians with disabilities;

14 (3) reminds the citizens of the State of the policies
15 with respect to persons with disabilities and urges all
16 citizens to ensure that the policies are upheld; and

17 (4) emphasizes the need of all citizens to be aware of
18 the presence of persons with disabilities in the community
19 and to keep safe and functional for persons with
20 disabilities the streets, sidewalks, highways, ~~and~~
21 walkways, and walking, running, or bicycle paths of this
22 State.

23 (Source: P.A. 96-1167, eff. 7-22-10.)