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P.L. 1999, CHAPTER 264, *approved October 26, 1999*
Assembly, No. 1334

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2 c.456 and P.L.1939, c.274.

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33 (cf: P.L.1971, c.81, s.1)

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1334

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 208th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1998 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman CAROL J. MURPHY
District 26 (Essex, Morris and Passaic)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblyman Gregg

SYNOPSIS

Permits guide dog instructors right-of-way on public roads.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee with technical review.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/18/1998)

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ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1334

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 3, 1998

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1334.

Assembly Bill No. 1334 amends the "Law Against Discrimination," P.L.1945, c.169 (C.10:5-1 et seq.) to provide guide dog instructors engaged in instructing guide dogs the same right-of-way over vehicles while crossing a highway or intersection as accorded blind persons accompanied by guide dogs. The purpose of extending the right is to allow guide dog instructors and the dogs being trained to cross the street at a red light to test the training's effectiveness.

The bill also amends Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, the motor vehicle code, to conform with this right. Vehicles would be required to yield to guide dog instructors engaged in instructing a guide dog just as they are currently required to do for blind persons using predominantly white or metallic walking canes or accompanied by a guide dogs equipped with rigid, U-shaped harnesses. The provision applies if the traffic is controlled by a signal, but not if a police officer is directing traffic. A guide dog instructor could not be conclusively presumed contributorily negligent for noncompliance with these provisions.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 1998 legislative session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1334

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 20, 1999

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SENATE, No. 1915

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208th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 20, 1999

Sponsored by:

Senator ANTHONY R. BUCCO

District 25 (Morris)

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TRENTON, NJ

RELEASE: Tuesday,
October 26, 1999

Gov. Christie Whitman today signed the following pieces of legislation:

A-983, sponsored by Assembly Members Kenneth C. LeFevre (R-Atlantic) and Francis J. Blee (R-Atlantic) and Senators William L. Gormley (R-Atlantic) and Diane B. Allen (R-Burlington/Camden), makes it a crime to cause, engage in, or permit shipboard gambling, or to manage, control or operate a shipboard gambling vessel if the vessel embarks and disembarks from any point within the state. The penalties for shipboard gambling are the same as those for illegal gambling offenses committed on land.

A-1334, sponsored by Assembly Member Carol J. Murphy (R-Essex/Morris/Passaic) and Senator Anthony R. Bucco (R-Morris), amends the Law Against Discrimination to provide guide dog instructors the same right-of-way over vehicles while crossing a highway or intersection as accorded blind persons accompanied by guide dogs. The purpose of extending the right is to allow guide dogs instructors and the dogs being trained to cross the street at a red light to test the training's effectiveness. The bill also amends the motor vehicle laws to conform with this right.

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