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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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AN ACT concerning the civil rights of a blind person accompanied by a trained dog guide and supplementing the "Law Against Discrimination," approved April 16, 1945 (P. L. 1945, c. 169) and Title 10 of the Revised Statutes.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Any person who by reason of loss or impairment of eyesight
2 is accompanied by a dog guide trained by a recognized training
3 agency or school is entitled, with his dog, to the full and equal
4 enjoyment, advantages, facilities and privileges of all places of
5 public accommodation, amusement, recreation or resort and to all
6 other places to which the public is invited.

1 2. The provisions of this act shall be administered and enforced
2 by the Division of Civil Rights in the Department of Law and
3 Public Safety pursuant to the authority vested in it by the Law
4 Against Discrimination (C. 10:5-1 et seq.).

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

New Jersey has long had a statute permitting a blind person with a Seeing-Eye or other trained dog guide to use public transportation facilities (R. S. 48:9-89) but not with respect to admission of the blind with a dog guide to restaurants and other places of public accommodation; this bill would clarify that right.