The White Cane Act

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Chapter W-13 of the *Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1978* (effective February 26, 1979) as amended by the *Statutes of Saskatchewan*, 2019, c25.

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NOTE:

This consolidation is not official. Amendments have been incorporated for convenience of reference and the original statutes and regulations should be consulted for all purposes of interpretation and application of the law. In order to preserve the integrity of the original statutes and regulations, errors that may have appeared are reproduced in this consolidation.

CHAPTER W-13

An Act to restrict the Use of White Canes to Blind Persons

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as *The White Cane Act*.

Interpretation

2 In this Act:

(a) **"blind person"** means a person who:

(i) is registered as blind with The Canadian National Institute for the Blind; or

(ii) is in receipt of an allowance on account of blindness under *The Blind Persons' Allowances Act* and the *Blind Persons Act* (Canada); or

(iii) having been in receipt of an allowance on account of blindness under *The Old Age and Blind Persons' Pensions Act, 1948,* and the *Old Age Pensions Act* (Canada) or *The Blind Persons' Allowances Act* and the *Blind Persons Act* (Canada), is in receipt of assistance under *The Old Age Assistance Act* and the *Old Age Assistance Act* (Canada) or a pension under the *Old Age Security Act* (Canada) and is still blind within the meaning of *The Blind Persons' Allowances Act* and the *Blind Persons Act* (Canada) and the regulations thereunder; or

(iv) is certified by a duly qualified medical practitioner or by an optometrist who is the holder of a valid and subsisting licence issued pursuant to *The Optometry Act, 1985* as having visual acuity after correction through the use of proper refractive lens of not more than 6/60 Snellen or a field of vision in each eye of less than ten degrees;

(b) **"white cane"** means a cane or walking stick the major portion of which is white.

RSS 1978, c W-13, s 2; 2019, c 25, s 41.

Restriction on use of white cane

3 No person other than a blind person shall carry or use a white cane in any public thoroughfare, public conveyance or public place.

RSS 1978, c W-13, s 3.

Application of Act

4(1) This Act does not apply to a person who is not a resident of Saskatchewan.

(2) If in a prosecution the person charged with a violation of section 3 claims that the person is not a resident of Saskatchewan, the burden of proving the claim is on the person.

RSS 1978, c W-13, s 4; 2019, c 25, s 41.

Penalty

5 A person who violates section 3 is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding $25.

RSS 1978, c W-13, s 5.

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