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CHAPTER 47

DISCRIMINATION

Sec.

1301. Race, creed or nationality.

1302. Blind persons with guide dogs.

§ 1301. Race, creed or nationality

No person, being the owner, lessee, proprietor, manager, superintendent, agent or employee of any place of public accommodation, resort or amusement, shall directly or indirectly by himself or another, refuse, withhold from or deny to any person any of the accommodations, advantages, facilities or privileges thereof, or directly or indirectly, by himself or another, publish, issue, circulate, distribute or display in any way, any advertisement, circular, folder, letter, book, pamphlet, written or painted or printed notice or sign, of any kind or description, intended to discriminate against or actually discriminating against persons of any race, color, religious sect, creed, class, denomination, ancestry or national origin, in the full enjoyment of the accommodations, advantages, facilities or privileges offered to the general public by such places of public accommodation, resort or amusement. The production of any such advertisement, circular, folder, letter, book, pamphlet, written or painted or printed notice or sign, purporting to relate to any such place and to be made by any person being the owner, or operator or an agent or employee of said owner or operator shall be presumptive evidence in any action that the same was authorized by such person.

A place of public accommodation, resort or amusement within the meaning of this section shall be deemed to include any establishment which caters or offers its services, facilities or goods to, or solicits patronage from the members of the general public, including but not limited to any inn, whether conducted for the entertainment, housing or lodging of transient guests, or for the benefit, use or accommodation of those seeking health, recreation or rest, any restaurant, eating house, public conveyance on land or water, bathhouse, barber shop, theater, music hall and any retail store.

Any person who shall violate any of this section or who shall aid in or incite, cause or bring about, in whole or in part, the violation of this section shall, for the first such offense, be pun-

ished by a fine of not more than \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or by both; and for each and every additional violation be punished by a fine of \$500, or imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or by both.

R.S.1954, c. 137, § 50; 1959, c. 282.

§ 1302. Blind persons with guide dogs

Notwithstanding any provision of the law, any blind person accompanied by a trained guide dog, which is used as a leader or guide, shall be entitled to any and all accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges of all public conveyances, public amusements and places of public accommodations, within this State to which persons not accompanied by dogs are entitled, subject only to the conditions and limitations applicable to all persons not accompanied by dogs, and no blind person shall be required to pay any charge or fare on account of the transportation on any public conveyance of himself and such dog so accompanying him, in addition to the charge or fare lawfully chargeable for his own transportation. The management of any such public conveyances, public amusements and places of public accommodations may require a blind owner of a guide dog to show written evidence that his dog has been educated, trained and intended, in fact, to perform such guide service for him; and the foregoing management may require the owner to muzzle his guide dog while on their respective premises. Whoever deprives any blind person of any right conferred by this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$300.

1959, c. 127.