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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dumaine of Readfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

**AN ACT Entitling Blind Persons Accompanied by Guide Dogs to
Certain Accommodations.**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., c. 137, § 54, additional. Chapter 137 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section to be numbered 54, to read as follows:

'Blind Persons with Guide Dogs.

Sec. 54. Blind persons with guide dogs. Notwithstanding any provision of the law, any blind person accompanied by a trained guide dog, second sight or seeing eye, so called, 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 owner of any such guide dog may be requested to muzzle his dog if other persons present express fear of the animal. 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.'