



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
ÎLE-DU-PRINCE-ÉDOUARD

WHITE CANE ACT

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CHAPTER W-4

1. Definitions

In this Act

- (a) **“blind person”** means a person who
 - (i) is registered as blind with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, a corporation incorporated under the *Canada Corporations Act* R.S.C. 1970, Chap. C-32,
 - (ii) having been in receipt of a pension on account of blindness under a statute of Canada or this province, is in receipt of an old age pension, or
 - (iii) is certified as blind by the Chief Health Officer for the province;
- (b) **“white cane”** means a cane or walking stick the major portion of which is white.
R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. W-6, s.1.

2. Application of Act

- (1) This Act applies only in respect of persons who are resident in the province.

Prosecution, proof of residence

- (2) In any prosecution under this Act it shall be presumed, until the contrary is proved, that the person charged is resident in the province. *R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. W-6, s.2.*

3. Use of white cane

No person not being a blind person shall carry or use a white cane in any public thoroughfare, public conveyance or public place. *R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. W-6, s.3.*

4. Offence & penalty

Any person who violates this Act is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$25. *R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. W-6, s.4.*