

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1737

By: Tyler, Staggs and Weaver
of the House

and

Fisher of the Senate

An Act relating to blind persons; amending 7 O.S. 1991, Section 12, which relates to duty of drivers to blind persons; providing that person using a dog guide shall have right of way; defining term; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 7 O.S. 1991, Section 12, is amended to read as follows:

Section 12. Any driver of a vehicle who knowingly approaches within three (3) feet of a person who is in the roadway or at an intersection and who is wholly or partially blind and who is carrying a cane or walking stick white in color, or white tipped with red, or who is using a dog guide wearing a specialized harness shall immediately come to a full stop and take such precautions before proceeding as may be necessary to avoid accident or injury to the person wholly or partially blind. For purposes of this section, a "dog guide" means any dog that is specially trained to guide a blind person.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1997.

Passed the House of Representatives the 26th day of February,
1997.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 2nd day of April, 1997.

President of the Senate