

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

HOUSE BILL NO. 3324

By: Sullivan (Leonard)

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to blind persons; amending 7 O.S.

1991, Section 12, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 57, O.S.L. 1997 (7 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 12), which relates to dog guides and the blind; requiring drivers to stay a certain distance away from deaf persons accompanied by signal dogs and physically handicapped persons accompanied by service dogs; 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, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 57, O.S.L. 1997 (7 O.S. Supp. 1997, 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, or who is wholly or partially deaf and is using a signal dog wearing an orange identifying collar, or who is physically handicapped and is using a service dog, 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, deaf or physically handicapped. 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, 1998.

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