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The White Cane Act

1. In this Act,

   (a) "blind person" means a person,
       (i) who is registered as blind with The Canadian National Institute for the Blind, or
       (ii) who is in receipt of an allowance under The Blind Persons' Allowances Act or an allowance as a blind person under The Family Benefits Act;
   
   (b) "white cane" means a cane or walking-stick the major part of which is white.  R.S.O. 1960, c. 430, s. 1.

2. No person, other than a blind person, shall carry or use a white cane in any public place, public thoroughfare or public conveyance.  R.S.O. 1960, c. 430, s. 2.

3. Every person who contravenes section 2 is guilty of an offence and on summary conviction is liable to a fine of not more than $25.  R.S.O. 1960, c. 430, s. 3.

4.—(1) This Act does not apply to any person who is not a resident of Ontario.

   (2) Where in any prosecution the person charged with a contravention of this Act alleges that he is not a resident of Ontario, the burden of proving the allegation is upon him.  R.S.O. 1960, c. 430, s. 4.