

**CHAPTER 302, Laws of 1977**

AN ACT to amend 346.26 (1) and (2) of the statutes, relating to duties of a motor vehicle operator upon approaching a pedestrian using a dog guide and providing a penalty.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. 346.26 (1) and (2) of the statutes are amended to read:

346.26 (1) An operator of a vehicle shall stop ~~his~~ the vehicle before approaching closer than 10 feet to a pedestrian who is carrying a cane or walking stick which is white in color or white trimmed with red and which is held in an extended or raised position or who is using a dog guide and shall take such precautions as may be necessary to avoid accident or injury to ~~such~~ the pedestrian. The fact that ~~such~~ the pedestrian may be violating any of the laws applicable to pedestrians does not relieve the operator of a vehicle from the duties imposed ~~upon him~~ by this subsection.

(2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to deprive any totally or partially blind person not carrying the white or the red and white cane or walking stick or not using a dog guide of the rights of other pedestrians crossing highways, nor shall the failure of such totally or partially blind pedestrian to carry such cane or walking stick or to use a dog guide be evidence of any negligence.

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