

HB 1966 - S COMM AMD
By Committee on Transportation

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 70.84.040 and 1997 c 271 s 20 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 The driver of a vehicle approaching a totally or partially blind
6 pedestrian who is carrying a cane predominantly white in color (with or
7 without a red tip), a totally or partially blind or hearing impaired
8 pedestrian using a dog guide, (~~or an otherwise physically disabled~~)
9 a person with physical disabilities using a service animal, or a person
10 with a disability using a wheelchair or a power wheelchair as defined
11 in RCW 46.04.415 shall take all necessary precautions to avoid injury
12 to such pedestrian or wheelchair user. Any driver who fails to take
13 such precaution shall be liable in damages for any injury caused such
14 pedestrian or wheelchair user. It shall be unlawful for the operator
15 of any vehicle to drive into or upon any crosswalk while there is on
16 such crosswalk(~~(-)~~) such pedestrian(~~(-)~~) or wheelchair user crossing or
17 attempting to cross the roadway, if such pedestrian or wheelchair user
18 is using a white cane, using a dog guide, (~~(or)~~) using a service
19 animal, or using a wheelchair or a power wheelchair as defined in RCW
20 46.04.415. The failure of any such pedestrian or wheelchair user so to
21 signal shall not deprive him or her of the right-of-way accorded him or
22 her by other laws.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect August 1, 2010."

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1 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "precautions;" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 70.84.040; and
3 providing an effective date."

EFFECT: The effective date of this act is changed from August 1,
2009, to August 1, 2010.

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