



## GUIDE DOGS AMENDMENT ACT 1988

No. 59 of 1988

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### AN ACT to amend the Guide Dogs Act 1967.

[Royal Assent 22 December 1988]

**B**E it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

**1**—This Act may be cited as the *Guide Dogs Amendment Act 1988*. Short title.

Commencement. **2**—This Act shall commence on the day on which it receives the Royal assent.

Principal Act. **3**—In this Act, the *Guide Dogs Act 1967\** is referred to as the Principal Act.

Amendment of long title to Principal Act. **4**—The long title to the Principal Act is amended by omitting all the words following “confer” and substituting “the right to enter public places and means of public transport on blind persons when accompanied by trained guide dogs and on deaf persons when accompanied by trained hearing dogs”.

Amendment of section 1 of Principal Act (Short title). **5**—Section 1 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting “*and Hearing Dogs*” after “*Dogs*”.

Amendment of section 2 of Principal Act (Interpretation). **6**—Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended as follows:—  
 (a) by inserting “guide dogs” in the definition of “approved institution” after “approved”, where twice occurring;

(b) by inserting the following definition after that definition:—

“approved hearing dogs institution” means an institution for the training of dogs to assist deaf persons that is declared by the Minister, by order, to be an approved hearing dogs institution for the purposes of this Act;

(c) by inserting “guide dogs” in the definition of “guide dog” after “approved”;

(d) by inserting the following definition after that definition:—

“hearing dog” means a dog that has been trained at an approved hearing dogs institution and that is used to assist a person who is wholly or partially deaf;

\* Act No. 42 of 1967. For this Act, as amended up to and including 1st April 1980, see the continuing Reprint of Statutes. Amended by No. 112 of 1987.

(e) by omitting the definition of “public place” and substituting the following definition:—

“public place” means any place coming within the meaning of that expression as defined in the *Police Offences Act 1935*, and includes—

(a) the dining room and private lodging rooms of a licensed house within the meaning of the *Licensing Act 1976*; and

(b) any other place prescribed in the regulations.

7—Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended as follows:—

(a) by inserting “or deaf” after “partially blind”, where twice occurring;

(b) by omitting paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and substituting the following paragraph:—

(a) is entitled—

(i) in the case of a person who is wholly or partially blind, to be accompanied by a guide dog;

(ii) in the case of a person who is wholly or partially deaf, to be accompanied by a hearing dog,

into any public place or any vehicle, vessel, or aircraft used for the carriage of passengers for hire or reward; and

(c) by omitting from subsection (2) “dog.” and substituting “dog, in the case of a person who is wholly or partially blind, or by a hearing dog, in the case of a person who is wholly or partially deaf.”.

(d) by omitting from subsection (2) “\$50” and substituting “Fine not exceeding 0.5 penalty unit”.

(e) by inserting in subsection (3) “or hearing dog” after “dog”.

8—After section 3 of the Principal Act, the following section is inserted:—

4—The Governor may make regulations for the purposes of this Act.

Amendment of section 3 of Principal Act (Right of blind persons to be accompanied by guide dogs, and deaf persons to be accompanied by hearing dogs, into public places, &c.).

Insertion in Principal Act of new section 4.

Regulations.

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**9**—An order made by the Minister under section 2 of the Principal Act declaring an institution to be an approved institution that is in force immediately before the day on which this Act receives the Royal assent continues in force on and after that day as if it were an order made by the Minister under that section, as amended by this Act, declaring that institution to be an approved guide dogs institution.