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IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

TEXT :

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Congress of the Philippines
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[REPUBLIC ACT No. 06759]

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WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY IN THE PHILIPPINES
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Short Title.-This Act shall be known as the "White
Cane Act."

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.-It is declared to be the policy
of the State to promote and protect the physical, moral, and
social well-being of all handicapped persons, such as the blind,
and to undertake studies on specific causes of the high percentage
of blind people in the Philippines.

SEC. 3. White Cane Safety Day.-August one of each year is hereby
declared as White Cane Safety Day for the purposes of instilling
public awareness of the plight of the blind, promoting recognition
and acceptance of the "white cane" as a symbol of the need of the
blind for specific assistance and as a reminder of the
individual's duty to care for and accord due respect to his
unfortunate brethren.

SEC. 4. Observation; Education and Information.-The White Cane
Safety Day shall be appropriately observed. Towards this end, the

Department of Education, Culture and Sports, the Department of Health and the Philippine Information Agency shall conduct a continuing, education and information campaign to achieve the purposes as stated in Section Three of this Act.

SEC. 5. Government Agencies; Rules and Regulations.-The Department of Education, Culture and Sports shall, in consultation with the Department of Health and the Department of Social Welfare and Development, issue rules and regulations to effectively implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 6. Effectivity.-This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

RAMON V. MITRA
Speaker of the House of
Representatives

JOVITO R. SALONGA
President of the Senate

This Act which originated in the Senate was finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on August 29, 1989 and August 17, 1989, respectively.

QUIRINO D. ABAD SANTOS, JR.
Secretary of the House of
Representatives

EDWIN P. ACOBA
Secretary of the Senate

Approved: September 18, 1989

CORAZON C. AQUINO
President of the Philippines