COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NOTICE

April 21, 1977

D.C. Law 1-121

"District of Columbia Blind and Otherwise Incapacitated Persons Right-of-Way Act of 1975".

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia SelfGovernment and Governmental Reorganization Act, (PL 93-198) the Act,
the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 1-266 on first
and second readings November 23, 1976 and December 7, 1976, respectively.
Following expiration of the ten-day period provided the Mayor, in which no
action was taken, pursuant to Section 404 (e) of the Act, this legislation was
assigned Act No. 1-217, and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for a
30-day review, in accordance with Section 602 (c)(1) of the Act.

The full text of Act No. 1-217 is herewith published.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional review period has expired and, therefore, cites the following legislation as D.C.Law 1-121, effective April 19, 1977.

STERLING TUCKER

Chairman of the Council

D. C. LAW

1-121

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA April 19, 1977

To provide improved protection for blind pedestrians crossing roadways in the District of Columbia.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
That this Act may be cited as the District of Columbia
"Blind and Otherwise Incapacitated Persons Right-of-Way Act
of 1976".

Sec. 2. Article X of Part I of the Highways and Traffic Regulations of the District of Columbia is amended by (A) renumbering section 55 as 55.1, and (B) inserting immediately after section 54 the following new section:

"Sec. 55. Blind and incapacitated right-of-way."

"Notwithstanding other provisions of these regulations, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to any blind, partially blind, or visually impaired person carrying a cane predominantly white or metallic in color (with or without a red tip), or using a dog guide, and to any person otherwise physically disabled using a crutch, a cane, a

walker, a wheel chair, or any other visible orthopedic appliance or device which assists said person to ambulate or propel himself."

Sec. 3. This act shall not be construed to modify in any manner the Act of October 21, 1972 (86 Stat. 970; D.C. Code, sec. 6-1501, et seq.), which shall remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect as provided for acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section 602(c) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act.

considered in Council November 23, 1976

First Vote November 23, 1975

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(Secretary of the Council)

Final Vote in Council __December 7, 1976

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(Secretary of the Council)

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(Secretary of the Council)

I hereby certify that Council Fill 1-266 was presented to the Mayor of the District of Columbia on December 28, 1976 and that the Mayor neither approved nor disapproved the bill within the ten day period specified in Section 404(e) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, Public Law 93-193 of December 24, 1973.

Martin E. Schaller, Executive Secretary, D.C.

January 18,1977