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CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES }  
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S. No. 477

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6759

AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST ONE OF EACH YEAR  
AS WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY IN THE PHILIP-  
PINES 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, September 18, 1989.

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