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CHAPTER 341

AN ACT to amend 47.08 and 47.09 of the statutes, relating to operation of concessions in state buildings by blind persons.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 47.08 of the statutes is amended to read:

47.08 The division, with the approval of the department, * * * is authorized to establish a business enterprise program for the blind. In connection therewith, the division * * * is authorized to own, lease, manage, supervise and operate vending stands and other business enterprises for the use or benefit of blind persons in federal, state, private and other buildings. The share of the supervisory and other expenses of this program to be charged to each enterprise shall not exceed 3 per cent of the gross receipts of such enterprise. * * * The ultimate objective of this program shall be to enable blind persons to own and operate their own business enterprises. To this end whenever the blind person * * * is able to pay for his equipment and stock, the division shall sell it to him at depreciated cost. *The division, however, is not required to consummate such a sale until the blind person has operated the concession under division supervision for one year.* The contract between the division and the blind purchaser shall stipulate that, in the event of a subsequent resale or in the event of the death of the blind purchaser, the division shall have the option of repurchasing the enterprise, together with all its assets, at depreciated cost, such option to be exercised within 90 days after notice.

It shall further stipulate that if, at the expiration of any term of lease, the lessor considers the blind lessee to be unsatisfactory, the latter shall resell to the division at depreciated cost. In such event, the division shall select another blind operator as lessee.

SECTION 2. 47.09 of the statutes is amended to read:

47.09 The division, with the approval of the department, * * * may establish, maintain and continue to maintain concession stands * * * in the state capitol, the state office building * * *, the Wisconsin general hospital, and in all new state buildings, other than correctional, mental or educational institutions, to be operated by blind persons chosen and supervised by the * * * division. Upon consent of the custodian of said building, the operator of said stand * * * may also place vending machines in other locations in each of said buildings. * * * During any period in which the division deems that a concession stand would not be profitable in any new state building, other than an educational, a correctional, or mental institution, the custodian of such building shall give preference to blind operators of merchandise vending machines. If no blind operators of merchandise vending machines are available, the division may itself place vending machines in such new state buildings, other than correctional, mental or educational institutions. In the latter case, the profit from such vending machines shall be turned over to services to the blind, division of public assistance, as part of its revolving fund. The blind operators of concession stands in all state buildings, other than correctional, mental or educational institutions, shall have the right to purchase the stock and equipment on the terms * * * set forth in s. 47.08, and to operate them independently. * * *

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