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CHAPTER 118.

AN ACT to amend 47.08 and 47.09 of the statutes, relating to business enterprise programs and state concessions for deaf and blind.

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

47.08 and 47.09 of the statutes are amended to read:

47.08 The division, with the approval of the department, shall be authorized to establish a business enterprise program for the blind. In connection therewith, the division shall be 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. In other than federal buildings, 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 shall be able to pay for his equipment and stock, the division shall sell it to him at depreciated cost. 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.*

47.09 The concession stands in the state capitol and in the state office building shall be leased to and operated by blind persons chosen and supervised by the department. The lessees shall have the right to purchase the stock and equipment on the terms which are set forth in section 47.08, and to operate them independently. The contract of sale between the division and the lessee shall stipulate that, in the event of a subsequent resale *or in the event of the death of the blind purchaser*, the department shall have the option of repurchasing the enterprise, together with all its assets, * * * *at depreciated costs, 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 shall consider the blind lessee to be unsatisfactory, the latter shall resell to the department * * * *at depreciated cost.* In such event, the department shall select another blind operator as lessee.

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