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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 272 (Finance)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the operation of food service and  
7 concession stands by blind and handicapped persons;  
8 and providing for an effective date."

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 \* Sec. 1. AS 23.15.100(b) is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

11 (5) license blind and severely handicapped persons for the  
12 operation of vending facilities on federal property and in public build-  
13 ings, with blind persons having first priority for operation of the  
14 vending facilities;

15 (6) promulgate regulations necessary for carrying out the  
16 provisions of secs. 10 - 210 of this chapter.

17 \* Sec. 2. AS 23.15.210 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

18 (8) "blind person" means a person whose central visual acuity  
19 does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with correcting lenses, or  
20 whose visual acuity, if better than 20/200, is accompanied by a limit to  
21 the field of vision in the better eye to such a degree that its widest  
22 diameter subtends an angle of no greater than 20 degrees; an examination  
23 by an ophthalmologist or by an optometrist is necessary before a person  
24 is found to be blind;

25 (9) "severely handicapped person" means a person who has one  
26 or more physical or mental disabilities which seriously limit the per-  
27 son's functional capacities in terms of regular employment, and whose  
28 vocational rehabilitation requires multiple vocational rehabilitation  
29 services over an extended period of time;

1 (10) "licensee" means a blind or severely handicapped person  
2 licensed by the division of vocational rehabilitation under the Randolph  
3 Sheppard Act (20 U.S.C. secs. 107 - 107b, 107d - 107e, 107f), sec.  
4 100(b)(5) of this chapter, and any regulations issued under federal law  
5 or sec. 100(b)(5) of this chapter;

6 (11) "public building" means any building owned by the state  
7 or an agency or political subdivision of the state, or any space leased  
8 by the state or any agency or political subdivision of the state, and  
9 designated by the division as being appropriate for participation in the  
10 business enterprise program;

11 (12) "vending facility" means an automatic vending machine,  
12 cafeteria, snack bar, shelter, or counter where food, tobacco, or  
13 sundries are offered for sale.

14 \* Sec. 3. AS 23.15.130 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

15 Sec. 23.15.130. VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SMALL BUSINESS ENTER-  
16 PRISE REVOLVING LOAN FUND. (a) There is created as an account in the  
17 general fund a revolving loan fund designated as the vocational rehabil-  
18 itation small business enterprise revolving loan fund. The fund shall  
19 be administered by the director of the division of occupational licens-  
20 ing in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development.

21 (b) Receipts from the net proceeds of vending facilities in public  
22 buildings, other than vending facilities operated by a licensee, shall  
23 be paid to the fund.

24 (c) The fund shall be used to aid licensees in operating vending  
25 machine facilities.

26 (d) In this section "net proceeds" means the gross receipts from  
27 operating a vending facility less the costs of operation and a fair  
28 return to the operator, to be determined by the division.

29 \* Sec. 4. AS 44.21 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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Sec. 44.21.025. CONTRACTS TO OPERATE CONCESSION STANDS IN STATE BUILDINGS. In contracting after the effective date of this Act for the operation of food service and concession stands in buildings owned or leased by the state or an agency of the state the Department of Administration shall give preference to contract requests submitted by persons licensed by the division of vocational rehabilitation under AS 23.15.-100(b)(5).

\* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect July 1, 1976.

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