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AN ACT

1 Establishing the Business Enterprise Fund for People Who Are
2 Blind and providing for its administration by the Department
3 of Public Welfare and the Bureau of Blindness and Visual
4 Services.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Short title.

8 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Business
9 Enterprise Fund for People Who Are Blind Act.

10 Section 2. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
12 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "Bureau." The Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services.

15 "Department." The Department of Public Welfare of the
16 Commonwealth.

17 "Fund." The Business Enterprise Fund for People Who Are
18 Blind established in section 3.

1 "Person who is blind." A person whose central acuity does
2 not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with correcting lenses or
3 whose visual acuity, if better than 20/200, is accompanied by a
4 limit of the field of vision in the better eye to a degree that
5 its widest diameter subtends an angle of no greater than 20
6 degrees. A determination under this definition must be made
7 through an examination performed by a physician skilled in
8 diseases of the eye or by an optometrist.

9 "Secretary." The Secretary of Public Welfare of the
10 Commonwealth.

11 "Vending facility." As defined in section 2 of the act of
12 December 16, 1986 (P.L.1641, No.187), known as the Little
13 Randolph-Sheppard Act.
14 Section 3. Fund.

15 (a) Establishment.--The Business Enterprise Fund for People
16 Who Are Blind is established as a revolving fund in the State
17 Treasury. The sources of the fund shall be the following:

18 (1) The money in the Employment Fund for the Blind. This
19 paragraph includes money in the Employment Fund for the Blind
20 in excess of \$150,000. The State Treasurer shall transfer the
21 money in the Employment Fund for the Blind into the fund.

22 (2) Income received from vending facilities.

23 (3) Appropriations.

24 (4) Other money received by the department and
25 designated by the secretary for deposit into the fund.

26 (b) Administration.--The bureau shall administer the fund to
27 conduct a business enterprise program for people who are blind.
28 The money in the fund is appropriated to the department for this
29 purpose and shall be paid, without further appropriation, upon
30 requisition and warrant drawn on the State Treasurer.

1 Section 4. Regulations.

2 The department may promulgate regulations to implement this
3 act.

4 Section 5. Effective date.

5 This act shall take effect in 60 days.