

CHAPTER 248

BLIND; EDUCATION, REHABILITATION

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[For text of subs 1 to 7, see M.S.1986]

Subd. 8. **Use of revolving fund, licenses for operation of vending machines.** The revolving fund created by Laws 1947, chapter 535, section 5, is continued as provided in this subdivision and shall be known as the revolving fund for vocational rehabilitation of the blind. It shall be used for the purchase of equipment and supplies for establishing and operating of vending stands by blind persons. All income, receipts, earnings, and federal grants due to the operation thereof shall also be paid into the fund. All interest earned on money accrued in the fund must be credited to the fund by the state treasurer. All equipment, supplies, and expenses for setting up these stands shall be paid for from the fund. Authority is hereby given to the commissioner to use the money available in the revolving fund for the establishment, operation, and supervision of vending stands by blind persons for the following purposes: (1) purchase, upkeep and replacement of equipment; (2) purchase of initial and replacement stock of supplies and merchandise; (3) expenses incidental to the setting up of new stands and improvement of old stands; (4) purchase of general liability insurance as deemed advisable for any vending stand by the commissioner; (5) reimbursement to individual blind vending operators for reasonable travel and maintenance expenses incurred in attending supervisory meetings as called by the commissioner; (6) purchase of fringe benefits for blind vending operators and their employees such as group health insurance, retirement program, vacation or sick leave assistance provided that the purchase of any fringe benefit is approved by a majority vote of blind vending operators licensed pursuant to this subdivision after the commissioner provides to each blind vending operator information on all matters relevant to the fringe benefits. Fringe benefits shall be paid only from assessments of operators for specific benefits, gifts to the fund for fringe benefit purposes, and vending income which is not assignable to an individual stand.

The commissioner shall issue each license for the operation of a vending stand or vending machine for an indefinite period but may terminate any license in the manner provided. In granting licenses for new or vacated stands preference on the basis of seniority of experience in operating stands under the control of the commissioner shall be given to capable operators who are deemed competent to handle the enterprise under consideration. Application of this preference shall not prohibit the commissioner from selecting an operator from the community in which the stand is located.

[For text of subs 9 to 15, see M.S.1986]

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