

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 21st day of December, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 713

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 3, 1943 (P. L. 847), entitled, as amended, "An act creating a revolving fund in the State Treasury to be used by the State Council for the Blind, to purchase, own, install, maintain and lease equipment and accessories for suitable business enterprises for the blind and for making advancements to blind persons for the purchase of merchandise, stock, equipment and accessories necessary to operate vending or refreshment stands or other suitable business enterprises in locations leased or arranged for by said council; providing for the payment for the lease of such equipment and accessories and for repayment of such advancements; authorizing the State Council for the Blind to adopt rules and regulations and accept Federal funds," transferring functions from the State Council for the Blind to the Department of Public Welfare.

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

State Council for the Blind functions to Department of Welfare.

Section 1. The title of the act of June 3, 1943 (P. L. 847), entitled, as amended, "An act creating a revolving fund in the State Treasury to be used by the State Council for the Blind, to purchase, own, install, maintain and lease equipment and accessories for suitable business enterprises for the blind and for making advancements to blind persons for the purchase of merchandise, stock, equipment and accessories necessary to operate vending or refreshment stands or other suitable business enterprises in locations leased or arranged for by said council; providing for the payment for the lease of such equipment and accessories and for repayment of such advancements; authorizing the State Council for the Blind to adopt rules and regulations and accept Federal funds," amended January 14, 1952 (P. L. 2051), is amended to read:

Title of act of June 3, 1943, P. L. 847, amended January 14, 1952, P. L. 2051, further amended.

An Act

Creating a revolving fund in the State Treasury to be used by the [State Council for the Blind] *Department of Public Welfare*, to purchase, own, install, maintain and lease equipment and accessories for suitable business enterprises for the blind and for making advancements to blind persons for the purchase of merchandise, stock, equipment and accessories necessary to operate vending or refreshment stands or other suitable business enterprises in locations leased or arranged for by

New title.

[said council] *the Department of Public Welfare*; providing for the payment for the lease of such equipment and accessories and for repayment of such advancements; authorizing the [State Council for the Blind] *Department of Public Welfare* to adopt rules and regulations and accept Federal funds.

Section 1 of the act amended.

Revolving fund created for employment of blind.

Section 2. Section 1 of the act is amended to read:

Section 1. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund to be designated as the "Employment Fund for the Blind," which shall be used by the [State Council for the Blind] *Department of Public Welfare* in carrying out the purposes hereinafter specified. All moneys in said fund from time to time are hereby appropriated to the [State Council for the Blind] *Department of Public Welfare* for such purposes, and shall be paid without further appropriations under requisition and warrant drawn on the State Treasurer in the usual manner.

Section 2 of the act, amended September 1, 1959, P. L. 792, further amended.

Advancements to blind persons.

Section 3. Section 2 of the act, amended September 1, 1959 (P. L. 792), is amended to read:

Section 2. The [State Council for the Blind] *Department of Public Welfare* is hereby authorized to purchase, own, install, maintain, license and lease equipment, accessories and vending machines to be used for suitable business enterprises for or on behalf of the blind and to advance to deserving blind persons out of moneys in the "Employment Fund for the Blind," such reasonable amounts as may be considered proper to enable such blind persons to purchase the merchandise, equipment, stock and accessories necessary to put into operation a vending or refreshment stand or other suitable business enterprises in some suitable location to be leased or arranged for by the State council. Pennsylvania blind veterans of the World Wars shall be given first preference for locations established, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Randolph-Sheppard Act and the rules and regulations pursuant thereto.

Blind war veterans preference.

Supervision.

Such business enterprises shall be approved by the [State Council for the Blind] *Department of Public Welfare* and supervised periodically by the [council or its agents] *department*.

Leases and permits.

The leases or permits for the installation and operation of any such stands or other suitable business enterprises shall be secured by the [State *Council for the Blind] *Department of Public Welfare* in its own name.

Repayment.

Any moneys advanced to a blind person under the authority of this act shall be repaid by such person in

* "Council" in original.

monthly installments, which shall in no case be less than two per centum (2%) of the gross monthly sales made at the stand or business in question.

Equipment and accessories purchased, owned, installed and maintained by the [State Council for the Blind] *Department of Public Welfare* may be leased to deserving blind persons for an amount not to exceed four per centum (4%) of the gross monthly sales, except in those locations in which the gross monthly sales do not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Such rental in these locations shall not exceed one per centum of the gross monthly sales. The [council] *department* shall periodically regulate the rental fees charged to such blind persons in accordance with the regulations to be adopted by it, in such a manner as to achieve approximate equality of opportunity to such blind persons, and to assure that the fund shall at *no time exceed seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000). The [State Council for the Blind] *department* shall transmit all such repayments and rental fees into the State Treasury, where they shall be credited to the "Employment Fund for the Blind."

Equipment may be leased to deserving blind persons.

Rental fee.

Disposition of repayments and rental fees.

The [State Council for the Blind] *Department of Public Welfare* is authorized to receive and transmit to the State Treasury for credit to the "Employment Fund for the Blind" all moneys heretofore or hereafter received by the Commonwealth on account of contracts between the Commonwealth, acting through the Department of Property and Supplies and vending machine owners, whereby the Commonwealth is to receive a percentage of the profits from vending machines operated in State buildings.

Section 4. Section 3 of the act, amended January 14, 1952 (P. L. 2051), is amended to read:

Section 3 of the act, amended January 14, 1952, P. L. 2051, further amended.

Section 3. The [State Council for the Blind] *Department of Public Welfare* is hereby authorized to take any action and to adopt suitable rules and regulations necessary to facilitate the operation of this act, and in furtherance of those objectives to accept any grants or contributions from the Federal Government or any agency thereof. Any such grants or contributions shall be held by the State Treasurer as custodian for the [State Council for the Blind] *Department of Public Welfare*, and shall be paid out on requisition of the [State Council for the Blind] *Department of Public Welfare* without further appropriation.

Rules and regulations.

Acceptance of Federal grants authorized.

Section 5. Section 4 of the act is amended to read:

Section 4 of the act amended.

* "not" in original.

Appropriation.

Section 4. The sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) is hereby appropriated to be paid into the "Employment Fund for the Blind" for use by the [State Council for the Blind] *Department of Public Welfare* in carrying out the purposes of this act.

Act effective immediately.

Section 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 21st day of December, A. D. 1959.

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No. 714

AN ACT

Authorizing the Department of Property and Supplies to acquire, by gift, on behalf of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, the historic property known as the Tuscarora Academy, and authorizing the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to restore the same, and to enter into an agreement with the Tuscarora Academy Preservation Commission, Inc., for the management and maintenance of the same, and making an appropriation.

Real property.

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

Department of Property and Supplies authorized to accept gift of real estate and property in Juniata County, known as Tuscarora Academy.

Section 1. The Department of Property and Supplies is hereby authorized to acquire on behalf of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, by gift, the historic property and surrounding grounds, known as the Tuscarora Academy, in Juniata County.

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission authorized to restore and repair the property.

Section 2. The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, upon acquisition, is hereby authorized to arrange for the proper repair and restoration of the building and grounds of said property.

Tuscarora Academy Preservation Commission, Inc. authorized to manage and maintain property as an historical shrine.

Section 3. When repair and restoration of said property has been completed, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the nonprofit educational corporation, known as the Tuscarora Academy Preservation Commission, Inc., for the permanent management and maintenance of said property as an historical shrine memorializing the history of this distinguished academy.

Appropriation.

Section 4. The sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to be utilized for the repair and restoration of this property.

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