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Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GILL of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin, Representative DELLERT of Gardiner and Representative FARNSWORTH of Hallowell.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

An Act to Amend the Law Regarding the Name of the Division of Eye Care.



1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

3 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1822**, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 198, is
5 amended to read:

7 **§1822. Blind-made products**

9 A Blind-made Products Committee, comprising the State
11 Purchasing Agent, the Director of State the Bureau of
13 Rehabilitation and the Director of State the Division of ~~Eye-Care~~
15 for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Bureau of Rehabilitation,
17 and hereafter in sections 1822 to 1824 called "the committee,"
19 shall determine the price of all products which meet
21 specifications prescribed by the State Purchasing Agent and
23 agreeable to all members of the committee and which are
25 manufactured by the Maine Institution for the Blind and offered
27 for sale to the State or any political subdivision, any
29 governmental agency or public benefit corporation thereof; and
shall revise such prices from time to time in accordance with
changing cost factors and shall make such rules and regulations
regarding selection of products, time of delivery and other
relevant matters as shall be necessary to carry out the purpose
of sections 1822 to 1824.

25 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3500**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 785, Pt. B,
27 §92, is further amended to read:

29 **§3500. Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

31 The Division of ~~Eye-Care~~ for the Blind and Visually
33 Impaired, as heretofore established within the Department of
35 Human Services and hereafter in this chapter called the
37 "division," shall be under the jurisdiction of the Director of
the Division of ~~Eye-Care~~ for the Blind and Visually Impaired,
hereafter in this chapter called the "director." The commissioner
shall appoint the director, subject to the Civil Service Law.

39 **Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §3500-A**, as amended by PL 1981, c. 703, Pt.
A, §26, is further amended to read:

41 **§3500-A. Jurisdiction of Director of Division for**
43 **the Blind and Visually Impaired, defined**

45 Jurisdiction of director means having direct administrative
47 responsibility for all programs and personnel under the Division
of ~~Eye-Care~~ for the Blind and Visually Impaired, sections 3500 to
3512, except section 3501-A.

49 **Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §3502, sub-§1**, as repealed and replaced by PL
51 1983, c. 353, §1, is amended to read:

53 1. **Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired.** The
Division of ~~Eye-Care~~ for the Blind and Visually Impaired shall

1 provide the following services to blind and visually impaired
3 individuals from birth to age 21:

4 A. Itinerant teacher services;

5 B. Mobility instruction;

6 C. Braille instruction;

7 D. Low-vision services;

8 E. Special aids and supplies needed to participate in the
9 educational process; and

10 F. Advocacy, counseling and guidance services to students
11 and their parents.

12 **Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §3504**, as amended by PL 1975, c. 293, §4, is
13 further amended to read:

14 **§3504. Purpose**

15 For the purpose of providing blind persons with remunerative
16 employment, enlarging the economic opportunities of blind persons
17 and stimulating blind persons to greater efforts to make
18 themselves self-supporting with independent livelihoods, the
19 officer, board or other authority in charge of any building or
20 property of the State, any county or municipality shall grant to
21 the Division ~~of Eye-Care~~ for the Blind and Visually Impaired in
22 the Department of Human Services authority to install in such
23 buildings or such property a vending facility to be operated by a
24 blind person duly licensed by the Division ~~of Eye-Care~~ for the
25 Blind and Visually Impaired whenever a vending facility may be
26 properly and satisfactorily operated by a blind person.
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28 **Sec. 6. 22 MRSA §3505, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 88 is
29 amended to read:

30 2. Director. "Director" means the Director of the Division
31 ~~of Eye-Care~~ for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

32 **Sec. 7. 22 MRSA §3505, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1975, c. 293,
33 §4, is further amended to read:

34 3. Division. "Division" means the Division ~~of Eye-Care~~ for
35 the Blind and Visually Impaired in the Department of Human
36 Services.

37 **Sec. 8. 22 MRSA §3505, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 88,
38 is amended to read:

