

75-3340. Operation of vending facilities by blind persons; authority and duties of division of services for the blind; rules and regulations; hearings. (a) The division of services for the blind of the Kansas department for children and families shall:

(1) Provide for each licensed blind person such vending facility equipment, and adequate initial stock of suitable articles to be vended therefrom as may be necessary. Such equipment and stock may be owned by the division of services for the blind, or by the blind individual to whom the license is issued. If ownership of such equipment is vested in the blind licensee:

(A) The division of services for the blind shall retain a first option to repurchase such equipment; and

(B) in the event such individual dies or for any other reason ceases to be a licensee or transfers to another vending facility, ownership of such equipment shall become vested in the division of services for the blind, for transfer to a successor licensee, subject to an obligation on the part of the division of services for the blind to pay to such individual or to such individual's estate the fair value of such individual's interest therein as later determined in accordance with rules and regulations of the division of services for the blind and after opportunity for a fair hearing.

(2) If any funds are set aside, or caused to be set aside, from the proceeds of the operation of the vending facilities such funds shall be set aside, or caused to be set aside, only to the extent necessary for and may be used only for the purposes of: (A) Maintenance and replacement of equipment; (B) the purchase of new equipment; (C) management services; and (D) assuring a fair minimum return to operators of vending facilities. In no event shall the amount of such funds to be set aside from the proceeds of any vending facility exceed a reasonable amount as determined by the provisions of 20 U.S.C. § 107, of 1936, and amendments thereto, an act of congress commonly known as the Randolph-Sheppard vending stand act.

(3) If inventories are required by the division of services for the blind to be made of the stock and supplies of vending facilities, permit the licensed operator to elect to make such licensed operator's own inventories and report the same on forms furnished by the division. Inventory of each vending facility shall be made at least once every four months. In the event of the election of the licensed operator to make such licensed operator's own inventory, the division shall have the right to take an inventory of the vending facility at any mutually agreeable time.

(4) Issue such rules and regulations, consistent with the provisions of this chapter, as may be necessary for the operation of this program.

(5) Provide to any blind licensee dissatisfied with any action arising from the operation or administration of the vending facility program an opportunity for a fair hearing, including binding arbitration by three persons consisting of one person designated by the director of the division of services for the blind, one person designated by the licensed blind operator and a third person selected by the two.

(6) In employing any personnel as may be necessary for the operation of the vending facility program give preference to blind persons who are capable of discharging the required duties, except that the licensed operator of a vending facility shall have final authority to hire and to discharge employees of the licensed operator's vending facility.

(b) Hearings under this section shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act.

History: L. 1970, ch. 362, § 4; L. 1988, ch. 356, § 303; L. 2014, ch. 115, § 332; July 1.