

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 SENATE BILL 321

By: Simpson

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to employment of blind persons;  
8 amending 7 O.S. 2011, Section 71, which relates to  
9 activities to promote employment; granting the  
10 Department of Rehabilitation Services immunity from  
11 liability for certain damages; and providing an  
12 effective date.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 7 O.S. 2011, Section 71, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 71. A. For purposes of assisting blind persons to  
17 become self-supporting, the State Department of Rehabilitation  
18 Services is hereby authorized to carry on activities to promote  
19 business opportunities for individuals who are blind, including, but  
20 not limited to, the licensing and establishment of such persons as  
21 operators of vending facilities in public and other buildings.  
22 Facilities shall maximize job opportunities for other persons who  
23 are blind.

24 B. The Department shall be the sole state licensing agency for  
the purpose of implementing and carrying out the provisions of the

1 Act of Congress known as the Randolph-Sheppard Act (20 USCA Sections  
2 107-107f), and amendments thereto, providing for the licensing of  
3 individuals who are blind to operate vending facilities in federal  
4 buildings, or any other Acts of Congress which may be hereafter  
5 enacted. Provided, that no game of chance or gambling machine shall  
6 be operated. The Department shall be immune from liability for  
7 monetary damages to licensed individuals or their subcontractors.  
8 The Division of Visual Services of the Department shall administer  
9 this program.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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