

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 321

By: Simpson of the Senate

3 and

4 Townley of the House

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

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

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

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

23 B. The Department shall be the sole state licensing agency for
24 the purpose of implementing and carrying out the provisions of the
Act of Congress known as the Randolph-Sheppard Act (20 USCA Sections

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

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

10 Passed the Senate the 11th day of March, 2019.

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13 Presiding Officer of the Senate

14 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
15 2019.

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