

VENDING STAND ACT
1956
AN ACT

To authorize the operation of vending stands in State Buildings by blind or otherwise seriously disabled persons; to enlarge the economic opportunities of such seriously disabled persons; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1. That for the purpose of providing blind or otherwise seriously disabled persons with remunerative employment, enlarging their economic opportunities and stimulating them to greater efforts in striving to make themselves self-supporting, such blind or otherwise seriously disabled persons who are licensed by the Division of Vocation Rehabilitation of the State Department of Education, shall be authorized to operate vending stands on any State property where such vending stands may be properly and satisfactorily operated by blind or otherwise seriously disabled persons. In authorizing the operation of vending stands on State property, preference shall be given, so far as feasible, to blind or otherwise seriously disabled persons licensed by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the State Department of Education as provided in this Act; and the head of each department or agency in control of the maintenance, operation, and protection of State property shall after consultation with the Director of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the State Department of Education and with the approval of the Governor, prescribe regulations designed to assure such preference (including assignment of vending machine income to achieve and protect such preference) for such licensed blind or otherwise seriously disabled persons without unduly inconveniencing such departments and agencies or adversely affecting the interests of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 2. To effectuate the purposes of this Act it is declared to be public policy of the State of Georgia that on any State property where the Director of Vocational Rehabilitation determines it to be feasible to establish a vending stand to be operated by a licensed operator as herein provided, and the agency or department or custodian of such property determines that such stand can be established without undue inconvenience to the operation being carried on in such State building or property, the preference herein accorded shall require that such vending stand site not be deemed available for letting to competitive bidders for revenue producing purposes, unless, the Director of Vocational Rehabilitation declines to establish on said site a vending stand for blind or otherwise seriously disabled persons. The income to the agency controlling the space for such stand sites shall generally not be expected to exceed reimbursement for the cost of providing such stand site space and the services connected therewith, but, in any case where such income exceeds those purposes, the same shall be paid into the General Treasury of the State subject to certification and audit.

SECTION 3. The term “vending stand” shall mean refreshment counter operated by the blind or otherwise seriously disabled persons, but shall not include commercial restaurants, cafeterias, and similar establishments for the serving of meals.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

**ACT PROVIDING FOR VENDING STAND OPERATION BY DISABLED
PERSONS AMENDED**

No. 670 (Senate Bill No. 116)

An Act to amend an Act authorizing the operation of vending stands in State buildings by blind or otherwise seriously disabled persons, approved February 13, 1956 (Ga. L. 1956, p. 52), so as to provide for a definition of the term "State property"; to change the definition of the term "vending stand"; to provide for all matters relative to the foregoing; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1. An Act authorizing the operation of vending stands in State buildings by blind or otherwise seriously disabled persons, approved February 13, 1956 (Ga. L. 1956 p.52); is hereby amended by striking section 3 in its entirety and by renumbering sections 1 and 2 as sections 2 and 3, respectively, and by adding a new section to be designated section 1 and to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. As used in this Act, the following terms shall have the following meanings: (a) The term "State property" means any building, land, or other real property owned, leased or occupied by any department, commission board, bureau, agency, public corporation or other instrumentality of the State of Georgia, including, but not limited to the Georgia Building Authority, and any other real property in which the State of Georgia has a legal or beneficial interest. Provided however, the term "State property" shall not include any property, real or personal, owned or leased or otherwise under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents of the University System; the State Building Authority (University), and any county or independent school system of this State.

(b) The term "vending stand" means vending facilities, vending machines, snack bars, cart service, shelters, counters, and such other appropriate facilities and equipment as may be necessary for the sale of articles or services by licensed blind or otherwise seriously disabled persons, as prescribed by rules and regulations adopted by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the State Department of Education."

SECTION 2. This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without his approval.

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved April 28, 1969.