

## 2023 Kansas Statutes

**75-3339. Division of services for the blind; duties; vending facilities, licenses, sites.** (a) The division of services for the blind of the Kansas department for children and families shall:

- (1) Make surveys of concession vending opportunities for blind persons on state, county, city and other property;
- (2) make surveys throughout the state of Kansas of industries with a view to obtaining information that will assist blind persons to obtain employment;
- (3) make available to the public, especially to persons and organizations engaged in work for the blind, information obtained as a result of such surveys;
- (4) issue licenses to blind persons who are citizens of the United States for the operating of vending facilities on state, county, city and other property for the vending of foods, beverages and other such articles or services dispensed automatically or manually and prepared on or off the premises in accordance with all applicable health laws, as determined by the licensing agency; and
- (5) take such other steps, including the adoption of rules and regulations, as may be necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of this act.

(b) The division of services for the blind, in issuing each such license for the operation of a vending facility, shall give preference to blind persons who are in need of employment. Each such license shall be issued for an indefinite period but may be terminated by such division if it is satisfied that the facility is not being operated in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by such division. Such licenses shall be issued only to applicants who are blind as defined by K.S.A. 75-3338(b), and amendments thereto.

(c) The division of services for the blind, with the approval of the head of the department or agency in control of the maintenance, operation, and protection of the state, county and city or other property on which the vending facility is to be located but subject to rules and regulations prescribed pursuant to the provisions of this act, shall select a location for such vending facility and the type of facility to be provided.

(d) In the design, construction or substantial alteration or renovation of each public building after July 1, 1970, for use by any department, agency or instrumentality of the state of Kansas, except the Kansas department of wildlife and parks and the Kansas turnpike authority, there shall be included, after consultation with the division of services for the blind a satisfactory site or sites with space and electrical and plumbing outlets and other necessary requirements suitable for the location and operation of a vending facility or facilities by a blind person or persons. No space shall be rented, leased or otherwise acquired for use by any department, agency or instrumentality of the state of Kansas after July 1, 1970, except the Kansas department of wildlife and parks and the Kansas turnpike authority, unless such space includes, after consultation with the division of services for the blind, a satisfactory site or sites with space and electrical and plumbing outlets and other necessary requirements suitable for the location and operation of a vending facility or facilities by a blind person or persons. All departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the state of Kansas, except the Kansas department of wildlife and parks and the Kansas turnpike authority, shall consult with the secretary for children and families or the secretary's designee and the division of services for the blind in the design, construction or substantial alteration or renovation of each public building used by them, and in the renting, leasing or otherwise acquiring of space for their use, to insure that the requirements set forth in this subsection are satisfied. This subsection shall not apply when the secretary for children and families or the secretary's designee and the division of services for the blind determine that the number of people using the property is insufficient to support a vending facility.

**History:** L. 1970, ch. 362, § 3; L. 1970, ch. 361, § 2; L. 1989, ch. 118, § 187; L. 2012, ch. 47, § 116; L. 2014, ch. 115, § 330; L. 2023, ch. 7, § 130; July 1.