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A Bill for an Act Relating to Preference for the Blind or Visually Handicapped Persons in the Use of Public Buildings and Amending Section 7-20, Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, as Amended.

Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. This Act is hereby declared to be an urgency measure deemed necessary in the public interest within the meaning of section 11 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

The following is a statement of the facts constituting such urgency:

Wherever possible, physically handicapped people should be encouraged to help themselves. Blind people have demonstrated their abilities in a number of areas, and have been particularly successful in the operation of vending stands. Hawaii's present law acknowledges the ability of the blind to operate vending stands, but the law does not give special preference to such handicapped people. It is immediately necessary to enact legislation making mandatory special preference for the blind.

SECTION 2. Section 7-20, Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, as amended, is hereby amended by amending the first paragraph thereof to read as follows:

"Sec. 7-20. Use of public buildings by blind or visually handicapped persons. For the purpose of providing blind or visually handicapped persons, as defined in sections 109-3, 109-5 and 121-1, Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, as amended, with remunerative employment, enlarging

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the economic opportunities of the blind or visually handicapped persons, and stimulating them to greater efforts in striving to make themselves self-supporting, state and county authorities responsible for the management of public buildings shall authorize blind or visually handicapped persons to maintain and operate stands and machines for the vending of newspapers, periodicals, confections, tobacco products, and such other articles as may be approved by the responsible authorities on any state and county building where such vending stands and machines may be properly and satisfactorily operated by blind or visually handicapped persons. In authorizing the maintenance and operation of vending stands and machines on state and county buildings, preference shall be given, so far as feasible, to blind or visually handicapped persons and the state and county authorities responsible for the management of public buildings shall prescribe rules and regulations, in accordance with the provisions of the Hawaii administrative procedure act, designed to assure such preference for blind or visually handicapped persons.”

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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