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HOUSE BILL NO. 1061

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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 51.5-72, 51.5-75, and 51.5-104 of the Code of Virginia and to repeal §§ 51.5-101, 51.5-102, 51.5-103, and 51.5-105 of the Code of Virginia, relating to blind or vision impaired; rehabilitative manufacturing and service industries; sales of goods.

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Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 51.5-72, 51.5-75, and 51.5-104 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 51.5-72. Establishment of rehabilitative manufacturing and service industries; expenditures.

The Department may (i) establish, equip and maintain ~~schools for~~ *rehabilitative manufacturing and service industrial training industries* for the employment of suitable blind persons, (ii) pay its employees suitable wages and contribute five percent of the creditable compensation of those employees who elect to participate in a before-tax payroll deduction to a tax deferred retirement savings plan established under the United States Internal Revenue Code for nonprofit agencies, and (iii) devise means for the sale and distribution of the products thereof. However, any expenditures made under §§ 51.5-63, 51.5-66, and 51.5-72 through 51.5-76 shall not exceed the annual appropriation or the amount received by way of bequest or donation during any one year, and no part of the funds appropriated by the Commonwealth for the purposes of §§ 51.5-63, 51.5-66, and 51.5-72 through 51.5-76 shall be used for solely charitable purposes.

§ 51.5-75. Use of earnings of rehabilitative manufacturing and service industries; record of receipts and expenditures.

In furtherance of the purposes of §§ 51.5-63, 51.5-66, and 51.5-72 through 51.5-76, the Department shall have authority to use any receipts or earnings that accrue from the operation of ~~industrial schools and workshops~~ *rehabilitative manufacturing and service industries* as provided in such sections, but a detailed statement of receipts or earnings and expenditures shall be carefully kept.

§ 51.5-104. Use of words "State," "Commonwealth," or "Virginia."

No person, association, or corporation engaged in the sale of blind-made products may use the words "State," "Commonwealth," or "Virginia" in its company or corporate title unless such person, association, or corporation is actually an instrumentality of the Commonwealth.

Any person, association, or corporation violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

2. That §§ 51.5-101, 51.5-102, 51.5-103, and 51.5-105 of the Code of Virginia are repealed.

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