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HOUSE BILL NO. 664

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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 51.5-72 and 51.5-75 of the Code of Virginia and to repeal §§ 51.5-68 and 51.5-69 of the Code of Virginia, relating to registry of blind persons.

Patrons—Brink and Surovell; Senator: Puckett

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

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

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

The Department may (i) establish, equip and maintain schools for manufacturing and service industrial training 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, ~~51.5-68~~, 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, ~~51.5-68~~, and 51.5-72 through 51.5-76 shall be used for solely charitable purposes.

§ 51.5-75. Use of earnings of schools and workshops; record of receipts and expenditures.

In furtherance of the purposes of §§ 51.5-63, 51.5-66, ~~51.5-68~~, 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 as provided in such sections, but a detailed statement of receipts or earnings and expenditures shall be carefully kept.

2. That §§ 51.5-68 and 51.5-69 of the Code of Virginia are repealed.

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