

[9.

Blind Industries and Services of Maryland shall have authority to issue licenses to blind persons who are citizens of the United States and at least 18 years of age, for the operation of stands in all State, county and municipal buildings, including buildings located in public parks, playgrounds and other recreational centers, for the vending of newspapers, periodicals, confections, tobacco products and any other articles, except alcoholic beverages. The construction of said vending stands and the location thereof shall be such as meets the approval of the custodian having charge of the building in which the vending stand is to be located, but such vending stands shall be permitted to be installed in all of the public buildings hereinbefore mentioned wherever physically practicable, but under no circumstances shall any such vending stands be permitted to be installed which would in any way be in competition with any stands or concessions already in operation and with the further provision that the burden of establishing the physical practicability for the reasonable public necessity and convenience of such stands shall rest upon the applicant for the desired privilege. Blind Industries and Services of Maryland shall have full supervision and control over the operation of said vending stands and shall, within its discretion, have full power as to who shall be placed in charge of each stand and may, when it deems proper, provide the equipment for said stand as well as an adequate initial stock of suitable articles to be vended therefrom.

Any section, or any part of any section, of the public local or public general laws of this State inconsistent with this section are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.]

[9A.

All vendors in the Maryland vending facilities program, whether licensed by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation or by Blind Industries and Services of Maryland, are employees of Blind Industries and Services of Maryland for all purposes. This section may not be construed to adversely affect a person's entitlement to health, welfare, or retirement benefits.]

[10.

Blind Industries and Services of Maryland is empowered and authorized to make agreements and contracts with the owner or lessee of any privately owned buildings or premises in this State whereby Blind Industries would have authority to issue licenses to blind persons who are citizens of the United States and at least eighteen years of age, for the operation of vending stands in a private building or on private premises, for the vending of newspapers, periodicals, confections, tobacco products and any other articles, except alcoholic beverages. The construction and