

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 718
SENATE BILL 319

AN ACT TO PERMIT THE DIVISION OF SERVICES FOR THE BLIND OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO OPERATE VENDING
MACHINES ON INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS AND CONTROLLED-ACCESS
HIGHWAYS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 136-18(9) is amended by deleting the last sentence of that subdivision and by substituting:

"None of the roadside parks, picnic areas, picnic tables, scenic overlooks or other turnouts, or any part of the highway right-of-way shall be used for commercial purposes except for vending machines permitted by the Department of Transportation and placed by the Division of Services for the Blind, Department of Human Resources, as the State licensing agency designated pursuant to Section 2(a)(5) of the Randolph-Sheppard Act (20 USC 107a(a)(5)). The Department of Transportation shall regulate the placing of the vending machines in highway rest areas and shall regulate the articles to be dispensed. Every other use or attempted use of any of these areas for commercial purposes shall constitute a misdemeanor and each day's use shall constitute a separate offense."

Sec. 2. The first sentence of G.S. 136-89.56 is amended by adding immediately after the words "as defined in this Article" the words: ", except for vending machines permitted by the Department of Transportation and placed by the Division of Services for the Blind, Department of Human Resources, as the State licensing agency designated pursuant to Section 2(a)(5) of the Randolph-Sheppard Act (20 USC 107a(a)(5))".

Sec. 3. G.S. 136-89.56 is amended by adding a new sentence immediately after the first sentence to read: "The Department of Transportation shall regulate the placing of the vending machines in highway rest areas and shall regulate the articles to be dispensed."

Sec. 4. This act shall be set up as a pilot program at six sites statewide; two (2) sites shall be North Carolina Welcome Centers and four (4) sites shall be rest stops.

Sec. 5. The Department of Human Resources, Division of Services for the Blind, shall report on the implementation and operation of the pilot program to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and to the Fiscal Research Division no later than May 1, 1986.

Sec. 6. This act is effective upon ratification and shall expire on June 30, 1987.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 12th day of July, 1985.