**Policy**

Pursuance to the consensus of the Nevada Committee of Blind Vendors, the above cited agency is establishing this policy to promote the development and establishment of Assigned Vending Routes for Blind Vendors.

**Definitions**

1. Assigned Vending Route: The total number of “vending machine only” locations within a given geographic area which are assigned to a licensed Operator or trainee under the authority of the Randolph-Sheppard Act or NRS 426.

2. Geographic location: As pertains to this policy, is divided into three areas of the State:

a. Northern includes Washoe County, Carson City, Douglas County, Lyon County, and Storey County.

b. Southern includes all of Clark County and the area extending west to Pahrump.

c. Balance of State includes all other counties not listed under the Northern and Southern areas.

**Statement**

In order to expand employment opportunities for Blind Vendors, the Bureau of Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired (BSBVI) hereby establishes a policy by which Vending Routes are to be developed, operated and maintained. This policy will be in effect for all Vending Routes established regardless of location.

1. In the event that a Vending Route is awarded to a licensed Blind Vendor who is currently operating another facility, the Blind Vendor will be given a choice of operations once the net proceeds of the Vending Route reach the level of the State median income for a family of four.

At that time, the Blind Vendor will be required to surrender either the vending facility or the Vending Route. The blind Vendor may be allowed to continue to operate both enterprises until such time as the Bureau selects a successor, or if surrendering a site would create a hardship for the Program.

1. The Vending Route Operator will service all locations assigned to the route and will be required to waive all right to refuse to service locations listed in their agreement.
2. In the event that the property manager, in consultation with BEN staff, determines that the Vending Route Operator is unable to satisfactorily meet the vending needs of the building population or that the vending machines are insufficiently stocked or are poorly maintained in terms of cleanliness and/or proper repair, the Vending Route Operator will be given thirty days to correct the deficiency(s). If said deficiency(s) are not corrected within thirty days, the Bureau will delete the location from the Vending Route and arrange for another private vending company to service the location.