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House File 138

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Passed House, Date 2-27-67 Passed Senate, Date 3-27-67
Vote: Ayes 119 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 57 Nays 0
Approved April 5, 1967

A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the Iowa commission for the blind.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. Section ninety-three point five (93.5), Code
2 1966, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "blind"
3 in line two (2) thereof the following: "may provide library
4 services to blind and physically handicapped persons and".

1 Sec. 2. Section ninety-three point seven (93.7), Code
2 1966, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "blind"
3 in line six (6) thereof the following: "and to provide
4 library services to the blind and physically handicapped".

EXPLANATION

New federal legislation expands the "books for the blind program" to include those who, because of a physical handicap, are unable to read print. This would include paraplegics who cannot turn pages or hold a book, people with multiple sclerosis who cannot focus their eyes, those with severe cerebral palsy, etc. They would receive library service, particularly talking book machines and records. This federally sponsored program is now administered by the Iowa commission for the blind, and this bill is being introduced to meet the new federal requirements.

1 Amend House File 138 by adding the following new section:
2 "Sec. 3. This Act being deemed of immediate importance,
3 shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication
4 in the Albia Union-Republican, a newspaper published in Albia,
5 Iowa, and in the Telegraph Herald, a newspaper published in
6 Dubuque, Iowa."

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MENT AFFAIRS.