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<i>Received Royal Assent:</i>	8 June 1937
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AN ACT to confer powers upon the Manx Blind Welfare Society and promote the welfare of blind persons.

Preamble

Whereas at a public meeting held in the Town Hall, Douglas, on the 21st day of July, 1936, it was resolved as follows: —

That a Society be formed to be called “The Manx Blind Welfare Society” having for its object the welfare of blind persons in the Isle of Man, with power to collect voluntary subscriptions and deal with the amount raised, and any Government grants, for the purpose of augmenting the incomes of blind persons, providing a home visitor, and instruction for blind persons, and generally to take such steps as they may think necessary for the welfare of blind persons within this Isle.

and at such meeting six persons were appointed the committee of the Society to prepare Rules and to carry out the objects of the Society;

And whereas the Society has prepared Rules and a copy of such Rules has been filed in the Rolls Office with the return in respect of the Society under *The Public Charities Act, 1923*.¹

And whereas it is desirable that such Society should be recognised as the body charged with the duty of promoting the welfare of blind persons in this Island and empowered to collect subscriptions and receive monies voted by Tynwald for such purpose, and that provision should be made with reference to the supervision and accounts of such Society.

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as “The Blind Persons Welfare Act, 1937”.

2 Definitions

In this Act unless the context otherwise requires:



“**The Society**” means the Manx Blind Welfare Society.

“**Audited**” means audited by a person nominated by the Treasury for such purpose.²

“**Blind persons**” shall include persons who are so blind as to be unable to perform any work for which eyesight is essential.

3 Society to promote welfare of Manx blind persons

The Society are hereby charged with the duty so far as practicable having regard to the funds at their disposal to make arrangements for promoting the welfare of blind persons ordinarily resident within this Isle, including the provision and maintenance, of workshops, hostels, homes, or other places for the reception of blind persons, whether within or without this Isle, the provision of training and technical education of such blind persons, the provision of books, music and other literature capable of being read by blind persons, the supply of gramophones and wireless apparatus, the appointment of a home visitor or home visitors, and generally for doing such other things as may appear to them desirable for promoting the welfare of such blind persons.

4 Society may raise funds and administer monies

The Society may receive contributions, subscriptions and gifts for the work of the Society and may make such public appeals and collections as they may consider desirable for raising funds for the purposes aforesaid, subject nevertheless to any enactment or regulation for the time being in force with regard to public collections, and may receive and administer as part of their funds any monies from time to time voted by Tynwald or any public authority, or given, devised or bequeathed to the Society, or for the purposes of Manx blind persons.

5 Local authorities may make grants

The Corporation of Douglas and the Commissioners of the towns, parish and village districts of the Island are hereby empowered out of their respective district funds to pay from time to time such sums as they may think desirable to the Society for the purposes of the Society or any of them.

6 Inspection of Society’s accounts

The annual accounts of the Society must be inspected in accordance with the *Audit Act 2006*.³

7 Annual Report

The Society shall before the 31st March in each year forward to the Department of Health and Social Care a copy of the accounts of the Society for the year ending the preceding 31st day of December signed by the chairman and

secretary of the Society, together with the report of the inspector appointed under the Audit Act 2006 and a report on the work of the Society for the like period.⁴

8 Appointment of Trustees

The Society may in accordance with its Rules appoint Trustees of the Society and such Trustees when appointed shall be a body corporate by the name of “The Trustees of the Manx Blind Welfare Society”.

Such Trustees shall have perpetual succession and a common seal and shall have power to hold real and personal estate.

9 Amendment of Rules

The Society may in general meeting amend the Rules of the Society, but such amendment shall not take effect unless approved in writing by the Department of Health and Social Care.⁵

10 Powers of Department of Education, Sport and Culture⁶

Nothing in this Act affects the powers of the Department of Education, Sport and Culture under the *Education Act 2001*.⁷

11 Commencement of Act

This Act shall come into operation when the Royal Assent thereto has been by the Governor announced to Tynwald and a certificate thereof has been signed by the Governor and the Speaker of the House of Keys.

ENDNOTES

Table of Legislation History

Legislation	Year and No	Commencement

Table of Renumbered Provisions

Original	Current

Table of Endnote References

¹ The Act referred to is The Public Charities Act 1922.

² Definition of “Audited” amended by Treasury Act 1985 Sch 2.

³ S 6 substituted by Audit (Amendment) Act 2015 Sch.

⁴ S 7 amended by Health and Social Security Act 1986 Sch 2, by SD359/11, by SD2014/08 and by Audit (Amendment) Act 2015 Sch.

⁵ S 9 amended by GC155/91, by SD155/10 Sch 6 and by SD2014/08.

⁶ S 10 heading substituted by SD2017/0325.

⁷ S 10 substituted by Statute Law Revision Act 1997 Sch 1 and amended by Education Act 2001 Sch 10, by SD155/10 Sch 10 and by SD2017/0325.