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Letter Opinion No. 53-141-L

Mr. Preble E. Pettit, Commissioner
State Department of Public Welfare
Capitol Building Annex
Phoenix, Arizona

Re: Interpretation of term "production worker" in Section 70-331, A.C.A. 1939, as amended.

Dear Mr. Pettit:

In answer to your recent request, it is the opinion of this office that the term "production worker", used in the second paragraph of Section 70-331, A.C.A. 1939, as amended, does not refer to and cannot be interpreted to include the supervisor of the blind workshop, who is the foreman in charge of production; neither can it be construed to include the sighted inspectors who must approve or reject the finished articles made by the blind workmen.

We have been unable to find a case where the expression "production worker" has been interpreted by any court, but we base this opinion on the rule of law which requires non-technical words to be given their usual or ordinary meaning.

This being the case, the supervisor's and the inspectors' salaries cannot be charged against the non-reverting revolving account established by Section 70-331, A.C.A. 1939, as amended.

If you desire any additional clarification of this matter do not hesitate to contact this office.

Very truly yours,

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