A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act relating to eligibility of certain persons who receive veterans' benefits for longevity bonus payments; and providing for an effective date."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 47.45.070(c) is amended to read:

  (c) Notwithstanding (a)(2) of this section, a person who resides in a nursing home who meets the age and residence requirements of this chapter qualifies for the bonus if the costs of care of the person at the nursing home are paid for entirely from private sources, veterans' benefits, or a combination of private sources and veterans' benefits.

* Sec. 2. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

APPLICATIONS AND REAPPLICATIONS FOR LONGEVITY BONUS PAYMENTS. (a) Notwithstanding AS 47.45.045, a person who qualified to receive a monthly longevity bonus payment under AS 47.45.010 before January 1, 1997, but was later
disqualified under AS 47.45.070(a)(2) may reapply for qualification for bonus payments. If
the Department of Administration determines that the person is eligible for bonus payments
under AS 47.45.070(c), as amended in sec. 1 of this Act, and is otherwise eligible, the amount
of the person's monthly bonus shall be the amount the person was receiving before reapplying
under this subsection.

(b) Notwithstanding AS 47.45.010, a person who originally applied before January 1, 1997, and did not qualify to receive a monthly longevity bonus under AS 47.45.070(a)(2) but
who otherwise would have qualified may file a new application. If the Department of
Administration determines that the person is eligible for bonus payments under
AS 47.45.070(c), as amended in sec. 1 of this Act, and is otherwise eligible, the amount of
the person's monthly bonus shall be the amount the person would have received had the
person qualified under the original application.

* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 2000.