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## SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

### *HB 168: ELECTRONIC APPLICATION FOR STATE BENEFITS*

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**Sec. 1:** Adds a new subsection (19) to *AS 47.05.010 Duties of Department* requiring the Department of Health and Social Services to create and provide an entirely online application process for individuals applying for public assistance and defines an online application. Adds language requiring the department inform applicants that making false statements on the application is a punishable act. It does not mandate applicants apply online or remove the written option.

**Sec. 2:** Amends *AS 47.08.150(b) Assistance For Chronic or Acute Medical Conditions* by adding language requiring the Department of Health and Social Services to establish an entirely online application process for individuals applying for the Chronic and Acute Medical Assistance program. Adds language requiring the department inform applicants that making false statements on the application is a punishable act.

**Sec. 3:** Adds a new subsection (6) to *AS 47.25.001(a) Powers and Duties* that requires the department establish an entirely online application process and allows applicants to apply in any form required by state and federal law. Adds language requiring the department inform applicants that making false statements on the application is a punishable act.

**Sec. 4:** Adds a new section (7) to *AS 47.25.071(e) Child Care Grant Program* that requires the department establish an entirely online application process for assistance under the Child Care Grant Program. Adds language requiring the department inform applicants that making false statements on the application is a punishable act.

**Sec. 5:** Amends *AS 47.25.095 Definitions For Day Care Assistance and Child Care Grant Programs* to define electronic application.

**Sec. 6:** Amends *AS 47.25.150 Application For Assistance* by adding language requiring the Division of Public Assistance to establish an entirely online application process for individuals applying for assistance from the department and defines an online application. Adds language requiring the department inform applicants that making false statements on the application is a punishable act.

**Sec. 7:** Amends *AS 47.25.440 Application For Assistance* by adding language requiring the Department of Health and Social Services to establish an entirely online application process for individuals applying to receive Adult Public Assistance and defines an online application. Adds language requiring the department inform applicants that making false statements on the application is a punishable act.

**Sec. 8:** Adds a new subsection (4) to *AS 47.25.622 Alaska Affordable Heating Program* requiring the Department of Health and Social Services to create and provide an entirely online

application process for individuals applying for the Alaska Affordable Heating Program and defines an online application. Adds language requiring the department inform applicants that making false statements on the application is a punishable act.

**Sec. 9:** Adds a new subsection (4) to *AS 47.25.980(a) Duties of Department* requiring the Division of Public Assistance to create and provide an entirely online application process for individuals applying for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and defines an online application. Adds language requiring the department inform applicants that making false statements on the application is a punishable act.

**Sec. 10:** Amends *AS 47.27.020(a) Application Requirements* by adding language requiring the Division of Public Assistance to establish an entirely online application process for individuals applying for the Alaska Temporary Assistance Program. Defines online application. Adds language requiring the department inform applicants that making false statements on the application is a punishable act.

**Sec. 11:** Amends *AS 47.45.302(a) Cash Assistance Benefits* by adding language requiring the Department of Health and Social Services to establish an entirely online application process for individuals applying for the cash assistance program. Defines online application. Adds language requiring the department inform applicants that making false statements on the application is a punishable act.

**Sec. 12:** Adds a new section to the uncodified law of the State of Alaska allowing the Department of Health and Social Services to adopt regulations needed to create and implement online applications.

**Sec. 13:** Requires Section 12 to take effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

**Sec. 14:** Provides an effective date of July 1, 2022.