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## Senior Benefits Extension Sponsor Statement

**Short Title: “An Act extending senior benefits.”**

28-LS1256 would extend the Alaska Senior Benefits Program to June 30, 2021. If the program is not extended, it will sunset on June 30, 2015.

The Senior Benefits Program, established on August 1, 2007, provides monthly cash assistance to state residents age 65 years or older and have low to moderate income level.

Specifically, the program pays:

Monthly Benefit	Income Limits	
	Individual	Married Couple
\$250	\$10,763 annual (\$897 monthly)	\$14,535 annual (\$1,211 monthly)
\$175	\$14,350 annual (\$1,196 monthly)	\$14,535 annual (\$1,615 monthly)
\$125	\$25,113 annual (\$2,093 monthly)	\$33,915 annual (\$2,826 monthly)

Approximately 11,000 of Alaska’s seniors will be served by the Senior Benefits Program in FY2014.