

HOUSE BILL NO. 190

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE TALERICO

Introduced: 1/21/20

Referred: State Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to allowable absences for a permanent fund dividend; and providing**
2 **for an effective date."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 43.23.008(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) Subject to (b) and (d) of this section, an otherwise eligible individual who
6 is absent from the state during the qualifying year remains eligible for a current year
7 permanent fund dividend if the individual was absent

8 (1) receiving secondary or postsecondary education on a full-time
9 basis;

10 (2) receiving vocational, professional, or other specific education on a
11 full-time basis for which, as determined by the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary
12 Education, a comparable program is not reasonably available in the state;

13 (3) serving on active duty as a member of the armed forces of the
14 United States or accompanying, as that individual's spouse, minor dependent, or

1 disabled dependent, an individual who is

2 (A) serving on active duty as a member of the armed forces of
3 the United States; and

4 (B) eligible for a current year dividend;

5 (4) serving under foreign or coastal articles of employment aboard an
6 oceangoing vessel of the United States merchant marine;

7 (5) receiving continuous medical treatment recommended by a
8 licensed physician or convalescing as recommended by the physician who treated the
9 illness if the treatment or convalescence is not based on a need for climatic change;

10 (6) providing care for a parent, spouse, sibling, child, or stepchild with
11 a critical life-threatening illness whose treatment plan, as recommended by the
12 attending physician, requires travel outside the state for treatment at a medical
13 specialty complex;

14 (7) providing care for the individual's terminally ill family member;

15 (8) settling the estate of the individual's deceased parent, spouse,
16 sibling, child, or stepchild, provided the absence does not exceed 220 cumulative days;

17 (9) serving as a member of the United States Congress;

18 (10) serving on the staff of a member from this state of the United
19 States Congress;

20 (11) serving as an employee of the state in a field office or other
21 location;

22 (12) accompanying a minor who is absent under (5) of this subsection;

23 (13) accompanying another eligible resident who is absent for a reason
24 permitted under (1), (2), (5) - (12), (16), or (17) of this subsection as the spouse, minor
25 dependent, or disabled dependent of the eligible resident;

26 (14) serving as a volunteer in the federal peace corps program;

27 (15) because of training or competing as a member of the United States
28 Olympic Team or a United States national team for an Olympic sport;

29 (16) participating for educational purposes in a student fellowship
30 sponsored by the United States Department of Education or by the United States
31 Department of State;

1 (17) for any reason consistent with the individual's intent to remain a
 2 state resident, provided the absence or cumulative absences do not exceed

3 (A) 180 days in addition to any absence or cumulative absences
 4 claimed under (3), (5), or (6) of this subsection if the individual is not claiming
 5 an absence under (1), (2), (4), or (7) - (16) [(4) - (16)] of this subsection;

6 (B) 180 days in addition to any absence or cumulative
 7 absences claimed under (13) of this subsection if the individual is
 8 accompanying another eligible resident who is absent for a reason
 9 permitted under (5) or (6) of this subsection as the spouse, minor
 10 dependent, or disabled dependent of the eligible resident and is not
 11 claiming an absence under (1) - (12) or (14) - (16) of this subsection;

12 (C) 120 days in addition to any absence or cumulative absences
 13 claimed under (1) - (3) of this subsection if the individual is not claiming an
 14 absence under (4) - (16) of this subsection but is claiming an absence under (1)
 15 or (2) of this subsection; or

16 (D) [(C)] 45 days in addition to any absence or cumulative
 17 absences claimed under (1) - (16) of this subsection if the individual is
 18 claiming an absence under (4) or (7) - (16) [(4) - (16)] of this subsection.

19 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).