

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 464(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/2/98

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act authorizing state veterans' home facilities to provide nursing home care
2 with related medical services."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 44.21.035 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 44.21.035. State veterans' home facilities.** (a) The Department of
6 Administration shall apply for federal assistance to establish and operate state veterans'
7 home facilities that provide domiciliary care **and nursing home care with related**
8 **medical services.** The department, within available funds, shall establish and operate
9 veterans' homes at sites selected by the commissioner of administration after
10 consultation with the adjutant general and veterans' organizations.

11 (b) A person who resides in a veterans' [DOMICILIARY] home operated
12 under this section shall pay the Department of Administration a monthly charge
13 established by the department by regulation in payment of the cost of the care. The
14 charges shall be designed so that, when combined with federal or other nonstate

1 assistance that may be received on behalf of the residents, all costs of care are paid by
2 residents. The regulations may provide for exemptions or reductions based upon
3 hardship.

4 (c) In this section, "[DOMICILIARY] care" means care given in a state home
5 for veterans, as that term is defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(19), [THAT DOES NOT
6 PROVIDE NURSING HOME CARE OR RELATED MEDICAL SERVICES AND]
7 that meets the standards required under 38 U.S.C. 8134.