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### HOUSE BILL 255

#### SENIOR CITIZEN GRANTS DIVIDEND RAFFLE

"An Act relating to permanent fund dividend raffles; creating the senior citizen grants dividend raffle fund; authorizing donations from permanent fund dividends for entry into the senior citizen grants dividend raffle; relating to appropriations from the senior citizen grants dividend raffle; relating to the duties of the Department of Revenue; relating to the definition of 'gambling'; and relating to the Alaska senior benefits payment program."

#### EXPLANATION OF CHANGES - VERSION I TO VERSION G

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#### Title

The title is updated to reflect the changes made throughout version G of the bill.

#### Section 7

The provision that would have established a senior citizen grants endowment fund is removed from section 7 of the bill (AS 43.23.235, page 5, line 30 – page 6, line 27, version I).

Language in section 7 is amended so that a portion of the donations received through the permanent fund dividend raffle go to the Alaska senior benefits payment program established under AS 47.45.301 – 47.45.309.

In version G of the bill, 37.5 percent will go to the Alaska senior benefits payment program, 25 percent will go to the senior citizen grants dividend raffle, and 37.5 percent will go to the Department of Health for distribution as grants (page 6, lines 16 – 21, version G). There is no longer an appropriation to the senior citizen grants endowment program.

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### EXPLANATION OF CHANGES - VERSION I TO VERSION G

#### **Section 8**

In version G of the bill, a new section 8 is added. It amends AS 47.45.302(b) to increase the payment through the Alaska senior benefits program by 50 dollars for each income bracket. The payment is still subject to appropriation.

#### **Section 9**

In version G of the bill, section 9 is added to repeal the 2034 sunset date for the Alaska senior benefits program.

#### **Section 10**

The section updating uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended with the addition of language that clarifies the increase to the monthly cash payment through the Alaska senior benefits program apply after the effective date of the bill.