

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE SENATE
TO: SCS HB 93(JUD)

BY SENATOR RAUSCHER

1 Page 1, line 2, following "**privileges**";:

2 Insert "**relating to allowable absences for eligibility for a permanent fund**
3 **dividend**;"

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5 Page 2, following line 27:

6 Insert new bill sections to read:

7 "*** Sec. 5.** AS 43.23.008(a) is amended to read:

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

11 (1) receiving secondary or postsecondary education on a full-time
12 basis; on a break or holiday from a secondary or postsecondary educational institution
13 during an academic year, not including summer break, if the individual is enrolled in
14 and attends the educational institution on a full-time basis before and after the break or
15 holiday; or in an orientation program required as a condition of the secondary or
16 postsecondary education and the individual immediately begins the education on a
17 full-time basis after the completion of the orientation;

18 (2) receiving vocational, professional, or other specific education on a
19 full-time basis for which, as determined by the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary
20 Education, a comparable program is not reasonably available in the state; on a break or
21 holiday from the vocational, professional, or other specific training, not including
22 summer break, if the individual is enrolled in and attends the training on a full-time
23 basis before and after the break or holiday; or in an orientation program required as a

1 condition of the vocational, professional, or other specific training and the individual
2 immediately begins the training on a full-time basis after the completion of the
3 orientation;

4 (3) serving on active duty as a member of the uniformed services of
5 the United States or accompanying, as that individual's spouse, minor dependent, or
6 disabled dependent, an individual who is

7 (A) serving on active duty as a member of the uniformed
8 services of the United States; and

9 (B) eligible for a current year dividend;

10 (4) serving under foreign or coastal articles of employment aboard an
11 oceangoing vessel of the United States merchant marine or attending a vocational
12 program that

13 (A) trains students for a career in the United States merchant
14 marine;

15 (B) provides seagoing service that meets the requirements of
16 the United States Coast Guard for United States merchant marine
17 credentialing; and

18 (C) is approved by the United States Coast Guard;

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

22 (6) providing care for a parent, spouse, sibling, child, or stepchild
23 [WITH A CRITICAL LIFE-THREATENING ILLNESS] whose **medical** treatment **is**
24 **occurring** [PLAN, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN,
25 REQUIRES TRAVEL] outside the state [FOR TREATMENT AT A MEDICAL
26 SPECIALTY COMPLEX];

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

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

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

31 (10) serving on the staff of a member from this state of the United

1 States Congress;

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

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

5 (13) accompanying another eligible resident who is absent for a reason
6 permitted under (1), (2), (5) - (12), **or (16) - (19)** [(16), OR (17)] of this subsection as
7 the spouse, minor dependent, or disabled dependent of the eligible resident;

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

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

11 (16) **on a student exchange program, teaching English abroad, or**
12 participating for educational purposes in a student fellowship sponsored by the United
13 States Department of Education or by the United States Department of State;

14 (17) **serving as a pilot or as a member of a flight crew for an airline**
15 **or cargo carrier;**

16 **(18) serving as a missionary;**

17 **(19) working in a trade, consulting on a matter of professional**
18 **expertise, or practicing a profession not otherwise addressed in this subsection;**

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

21 (A) 180 days in addition to any absence or cumulative absences
22 claimed

23 (i) under (3) of this subsection if the individual is not
24 claiming an absence under (1), (2), or **(4) - (19)** [(4) - (16)] of this
25 subsection; or

26 (ii) under (5) of this subsection if the individual is not
27 claiming an absence under (1) - (4) or **(6) - (19)** [(6) - (16)] of this
28 subsection;

29 (B) 120 days in addition to any absence or cumulative absences
30 claimed under (1) - (3) of this subsection if the individual is not claiming an
31 absence under **(4) - (19)** [(4) - (16)] of this subsection but is claiming an

1 absence under (1) or (2) of this subsection; or
2 (C) 45 days in addition to any absence or cumulative absences
3 claimed under (1) - (19) [(1) - (16)] of this subsection if the individual is
4 claiming an absence under (4) - (19) [(4) - (16)] of this subsection.

5 * **Sec. 6.** AS 43.23.008(b) is amended to read:

6 (b) An individual may not claim an allowable absence under [(a)(1) - (19) OF]
7 this section unless the individual was a resident of the state for at least six consecutive
8 months immediately before leaving the state."

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10 Renumber the following bill section accordingly.