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SB 171 Residency Req: Hunting, Trapping, Fishing Permanent Fund Dividend Allowed Absences

Should SB 171 pass, a person would have to be physically present in the state at all times during the 12 consecutive months preceding their license application unless the absence was an allowable under the Permanent Fund Dividend statutes ([AS 43.23.005](#)). The allowed PFD absences are as follows:

- **Education-Related Absences:** These include receiving secondary or post-secondary education on a full-time basis, or full-time vocational, professional, or other specific education for which a comparable program is not available in Alaska.
- **Military Service:** Serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces or accompanying a family member who is serving and is eligible for a dividend.
- **Merchant Marine Service:** Serving under foreign or coastal articles of employment aboard a U.S. oceangoing vessel.
- **Medical Treatment:** Receiving continuous medical treatment recommended by a licensed physician, or convalescing as recommended by the physician, provided the treatment isn't for climatic change.
- **Caregiving:** Providing care for a critically ill family member, or for a terminally ill family member.
- **Settling an Estate:** Managing the estate of a deceased family member, as long as the absence doesn't exceed 220 cumulative days.
- **Congressional Service:** Serving as a member of the U.S. Congress or on the staff of an Alaskan member of Congress.
- **State Employment:** Working as a state employee in a field office or another location outside Alaska.
- **Accompanying a Minor or Eligible Resident:** Accompanying a minor for medical treatment or another eligible resident who is absent for an allowable reason.
- **Peace Corps and Olympic Training:** Serving in the federal Peace Corps or training/competing as a member of the U.S. Olympic Team.
- **Student Fellowships:** Participating in a student fellowship for educational purposes sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education or the U.S. Department of State.
- **Additional Absences:** Absences consistent with the individual's intent to remain an Alaska resident, subject to certain day limits (up to 180 days) based on the nature of other claimed absences.