

**SENATE BILL NO. 147**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 1/19/16

Referred: Health and Social Services, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to eligibility requirements of the Alaska senior benefits payment  
2 program; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 47.45.302(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) An individual is eligible for a cash assistance benefit under the program if  
6 the individual

7 (1) is 65 years of age or older;

8 (2) is a resident of the state;

9 **(3) is a citizen of the United States or a qualified alien under 8**

10 **U.S.C 1641;**

11 **(4)** [(3)] has a household income that does not exceed 175 percent of  
12 the annual federal poverty line for Alaska, as determined by the United States  
13 Department of Health and Human Services and revised under 42 U.S.C. 9902(2);

14 **(5)** [(4)] has not received a longevity bonus payment under

1 AS 47.45.010 - 47.45.160 for the same period; and  
2 (6) [(5)] applies in the format prescribed [ON A FORM  
3 PROVIDED] by the department; the department may use an abbreviated form for an  
4 individual who received a payment under an assistance program for seniors that paid  
5 \$120 a month and was administered by the department on or before July 29, 2007.  
6 \* **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2016.