

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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## Explanation of Changes

### SCS for CS for HB 96 (FIN)

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The criteria for the levels of care are removed from statute and will be defined by regulation. These changes can be seen in sections 7, 10, and 11 of the bill.

NEW: Section 1: Changes the word “lease” to “use” to allow Pioneer Homes more flexibility in increasing revenue with excess space.

NEW: Section 2: Decreases the age of eligibility to 60 (from 65) for Alaskan residents due to dementia, physical disabilities, and other physical needs. This will allow more flexibility, especially in allowing spouses to move into the home together.

AMENDED: Section 7: Two rate caps were increased:

1. the level IV rate was increased to \$9,333 (from \$8,500) in (4); and
2. the daily rate for “respite” care was increased to \$200 (from \$160) in (6).

NEW: Effective date of July 1, 2020.

The changes to the monthly income threshold in the bill are removed; income thresholds will remain as they are in current statute. The language previously appeared in sections 3 and 4 of the bill.