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SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

HB 168: ELECTRONIC APPLICATION FOR STATE BENEFITS

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Sec. 1: Adds a new subsection (19) to *AS 47.05.010 Duties of Department* requiring the Department of Health and Social Services to create and provide an entirely online application process for individuals applying for public assistance and defines an online application. It does not mandate applicants apply online or remove the written option.

Sec. 2: Amends *AS 47.08.150(b) Assistance For Chronic or Acute Medical Conditions* by adding language requiring the Department of Health and Social Services to establish an entirely online application process for individuals applying for the Chronic and Acute Medical Assistance program.

Sec. 3: Adds a new subsection (6) to *AS 47.25.001(a) Powers and Duties* that requires the department establish an entirely online application process and allows applicants to apply in any form required by state and federal law.

Sec. 4: Adds a new section (7) to *AS 47.25.071(e) Child Care Grant Program* that requires the department establish an entirely online application process for assistance under the Child Care Grant Program.

Sec. 5: Amends *AS 47.25.095 Definitions For Day Care Assistance and Child Care Grant Programs* to define electronic application.

Sec. 6: Amends *AS 47.25.150 Application For Assistance* by adding language requiring the Department of Public Assistance to establish an entirely online application process for individuals applying for assistance from the department and defines an online application.

Sec. 7: Amends *AS 47.25.440 Application For Assistance* by adding language requiring the Department of Health and Social Services to establish an entirely online application process for individuals applying to receive Adult Public Assistance and defines an online application.

Sec. 8: Adds a new subsection (4) to *AS 47.25.622 Alaska Affordable Heating Program* requiring the Department of Health and Social Services to create and provide an entirely online application process for individuals applying for the Alaska Affordable Heating Program and defines an online application.

Sec. 9: Adds a new subsection (4) to *AS 47.25.980(a) Duties of Department* requiring the Department of Public Assistance to create and provide an entirely online application process for individuals applying for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and defines an online application.

Sec. 10: Amends *AS 47.27.020(a) Application Requirements* by adding language requiring the Department of Public Assistance to establish an entirely online application process for individuals applying for the Alaska Temporary Assistance Program. Defines online application.

Sec. 11: Amends *AS 47.45.302(a) Cash Assistance Benefits* by adding language requiring the Department of Health and Social Services to establish an entirely online application process for individuals applying for the cash assistance program. Defines online application.

Sec. 12: Adds a new section to the uncodified law of the State of Alaska allowing the Department of Health and Social Services to adopt regulations needed to create and implement online applications.

Sec. 13: Requires Section 12 to take effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

Sec. 14: Provides an effective date of July 1, 2022.