

HOUSE BILL NO. 25

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE STORY

Introduced: 1/9/23

Referred: Prefiled

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to eligibility for the permanent fund dividend; and providing for an**
2 **effective date."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 43.23.008(a) is amended to read:

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

8 (1) receiving secondary or postsecondary education on a full-time
9 basis;

10 (2) receiving vocational, professional, or other specific education on a
11 full-time basis for which, as determined by the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary
12 Education, a comparable program is not reasonably available in the state;

13 (3) serving on active duty as a member of the **uniformed services**
14 **[ARMED FORCES]** of the United States or accompanying, as that individual's

1 spouse, minor dependent, or disabled dependent, an individual who is

2 (A) serving on active duty as a member of the **uniformed**
 3 **services** [ARMED FORCES] of the United States; and

4 (B) eligible for a current year dividend;

5 (4) serving under foreign or coastal articles of employment aboard an
 6 oceangoing vessel of the United States merchant marine;

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

10 (6) providing care for a parent, spouse, sibling, child, or stepchild with
 11 a critical life-threatening illness whose treatment plan, as recommended by the
 12 attending physician, requires travel outside the state for treatment at a medical
 13 specialty complex;

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

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

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

18 (10) serving on the staff of a member from this state of the United
 19 States Congress;

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

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

23 (13) accompanying another eligible resident who is absent for a reason
 24 permitted under (1), (2), (5) - (12), (16), or (17) of this subsection as the spouse, minor
 25 dependent, or disabled dependent of the eligible resident;

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

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

29 (16) participating for educational purposes in a student fellowship
 30 sponsored by the United States Department of Education or by the United States
 31 Department of State;

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

3 (A) 180 days in addition to any absence or cumulative absences
4 claimed under (3) of this subsection if the individual is not claiming an absence
5 under (1), (2), or (4) - (16) of this subsection;

6 (B) 120 days in addition to any absence or cumulative absences
7 claimed under (1) - (3) of this subsection if the individual is not claiming an
8 absence under (4) - (16) of this subsection but is claiming an absence under (1)
9 or (2) of this subsection; or

10 (C) 45 days in addition to any absence or cumulative absences
11 claimed under (1) - (16) of this subsection if the individual is claiming an
12 absence under (4) - (16) of this subsection.

13 * **Sec. 2.** AS 43.23.008(f) is amended to read:

14 (f) **In** [FOR PURPOSES OF (a)(7) OF] this section,

15 **(1)** "family member" means a person who is

16 **(A)** [(1)] legally related to the individual through marriage or
17 guardianship; or

18 **(B)** [(2)] the individual's sibling, parent, grandparent, son,
19 daughter, grandson, granddaughter, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, or first cousin;

20 **(2) "uniformed service" means the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine**
21 **Corps, Coast Guard, Space Force, and the Commissioned Corps of the National**
22 **Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Public Health Services.**

23 * **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
24 read:

25 APPLICABILITY. AS 43.23.008(a), as amended by sec. 1 of this Act, and
26 AS 43.23.008(f), as amended by sec. 2 of this Act, apply to the permanent fund dividend 2024
27 qualifying year for the 2025 dividend year and thereafter.

28 * **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2024.