



# Representative Andi Story

House District 3  
Alaska State Legislature

## Sectional Analysis CS House Bill 25

March 7, 2023

*"An Act allowing certain members of the uniformed services, spouses and dependents of certain members of the uniformed services, and individuals attending certain merchant marine vocational programs to remain eligible for the permanent fund dividend during absences from the state; allowing, in certain cases, an otherwise eligible individual to file for an unclaimed permanent fund dividend if the parent, guardian, or authorized representative failed to claim a dividend on behalf of the individual during the application period; and providing for an effective date."*

**Section 1:** Amends AS 43.23.008(a), replacing the term “Armed Forces” with the term “Uniformed Services,” and adds subsections that provide allowable absences for Alaskans in merchant mariner apprenticeship programs.

**Section 2:** Amends AS 43.23.008(f) to include a definition of “Uniformed Service,” and accordingly renumber the definition of “family member” that is currently provided in statute.

**Section 3:** Amends AS 43.23.011 to add a new subsection establishing a grace period for dependents of Alaskans who experience a medical emergency that prevents them from filing for their dependents' permanent fund dividend by the March 31st filing deadline.

**Section 4:** Amends the uncodified law of the State of Alaska to determine that the changes in CS House Bill 25 are applicable to permanent fund dividend applications filed for the 2024 qualifying year and thereafter.

**Section 5:** Establishes an effective date of January 1, 2024