

AMENDMENT

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BY REPRESENTATIVE FIELDS

TO: HB 258

1 Page 4, following line 16:

2 Insert a new bill section to read:

3 **"* Sec. 5.** AS 47.25.150 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 47.25.150. Application for assistance.** A person requesting **burial**
5 assistance shall apply for it, either personally or through another person, in a format
6 and manner prescribed in regulations adopted by the department. Regulations adopted
7 under this section must establish an electronic application for assistance and allow an
8 applicant to submit an application in electronic format or in other formats required by
9 state and federal law. The electronic application must inform an applicant that a false
10 statement made on the application will be investigated and is punishable under
11 AS 11.56.210. **If a person has been referred to the general relief and burial**
12 **assistance program by the department, or has applied for and been denied**
13 **assistance under all other programs administered by the department under this**
14 **chapter, the department shall determine whether the person is eligible for**
15 **assistance under AS 47.25.120 - 47.25.300. If the department finds that the person**
16 **is eligible for assistance, the department shall grant assistance without collecting**
17 **further information from the person.** In this section, "electronic application" means
18 an application for benefits or renewal of benefits, whether the department exclusively
19 administers the benefits or administers the benefits in coordination with another state
20 agency or federal agency, electronically completed and submitted through the
21 department's Internet website."

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23 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.