

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 67(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/1/97

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE RYAN

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating, for purposes of eligibility for a permanent fund dividend, to
2 absences from the state while on certain sabbaticals; and providing for an
3 effective date."

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

5 * Section 1. AS 43.23.005 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 (h) An individual who was qualified on January 1, 1997, to receive longevity
7 bonus payments and is no longer qualified to receive longevity bonus payments may
8 take a sabbatical for a period of up to 12 consecutive months by notifying the
9 department of the period the individual elects to be on sabbatical status. The notice
10 shall be provided to the department at least 30 days before the first day of the
11 sabbatical period. While on sabbatical status, the individual may be absent from the
12 state at any time without being disqualified from receiving a permanent fund dividend
13 solely on the basis of the absence. An individual who has taken a sabbatical under
14 this subsection or under AS 47.45.035 may not elect to take a subsequent sabbatical

1 under this subsection until a period of at least five years has elapsed beginning on the
2 day the sabbatical ended.

3 * **Sec. 2.** AS 43.23.095(8) is amended to read:

4 (8) "state resident" means an individual who is physically present in the
5 state with the intent to remain permanently in the state under the requirements of
6 AS 01.10.055 or, if the individual is not physically present in the state, intends to
7 return to the state and remain permanently in the state under the requirements of
8 AS 01.10.055, and is absent only for any of the following reasons:

9 (A) vocational, professional, or other specific education for
10 which a comparable program was not reasonably available in the state;

11 (B) secondary or postsecondary education;

12 (C) military service;

13 (D) medical treatment;

14 (E) service in Congress;

15 (F) other reasons which the commissioner may establish by
16 regulation;

17 (G) service in the Peace Corps;

18 (H) to care for the individual's terminally ill parent, spouse,
19 sibling, child, or stepchild;

20 (I) for up to 220 days to settle the estate of the individual's
21 deceased parent, spouse, sibling, child, or stepchild; [OR]

22 (J) to care for a parent, spouse, sibling, child, or stepchild with
23 a critical life-threatening illness whose treatment plan, as recommended by the
24 attending physician, requires travel outside the state for treatment at a medical
25 specialty complex;

26 **(K) unpaid sabbatical under AS 47.45.035; or**

27 **(L) sabbatical under AS 43.23.005(h);**

28 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect January 1, 1998.