

HOUSE BILL NO. 464

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Introduced: 3/4/98

Referred: House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs, State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to state veterans' home facilities."

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 44.21.035 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 44.21.035. State veterans' home facilities.** (a) The Department of
5 Administration shall apply for federal assistance to establish and operate state veterans'
6 home facilities that provide domiciliary care **and nursing home care with related**
7 **medical services**. The department, within available funds, shall establish and operate
8 veterans' homes at sites selected by the commissioner of administration after
9 consultation with the adjutant general and veterans' organizations.

10 (b) A person who resides in a veterans' [DOMICILIARY] home operated
11 under this section shall pay the Department of Administration a monthly charge
12 established by the department by regulation in payment of the cost of the care. The
13 charges shall be designed so that, when combined with federal or other nonstate
14 assistance that may be received on behalf of the residents, all costs of care are paid by
15 residents. The regulations may provide for exemptions or reductions based upon

1 hardship.

2 (c) In this section, "[DOMICILIARY] care" means care given in a state home
3 for veterans, as that term is defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(19), [THAT DOES NOT
4 PROVIDE NURSING HOME CARE OR RELATED MEDICAL SERVICES AND]
5 that meets the standards required under 38 U.S.C. 8134.