

**SENATE BILL NO. 247**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Introduced: 2/4/00

Referred: State Affairs, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to eligibility of certain veterans for longevity bonus payments;  
2 and providing for an effective date."

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

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 47.45.070(c) is amended to read:

5 (c) Notwithstanding (a)(2) of this section, a person who resides in a nursing  
6 home who meets the age and residence requirements of this chapter qualifies for the  
7 bonus if the costs of care of the person at the nursing home are paid for entirely from  
8 private sources, veterans' benefits, or a combination of private sources and  
9 veterans' benefits.

10 \* **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
11 to read:

12 REAPPLICATIONS FOR LONGEVITY BONUS PAYMENTS. Notwithstanding  
13 AS 47.45.045, a veteran who qualified to receive a monthly longevity bonus payment under  
14 AS 47.45.010 before January 1, 1997, but was later disqualified under AS 47.45.070 may

1 reapply for qualification for bonus payments. If the Department of Administration determines  
2 that the veteran is eligible for bonus payments under AS 47.45.070(c), as amended in sec. 1  
3 of this Act, and is otherwise eligible, the amount of the veteran's monthly bonus shall be the  
4 amount the veteran was receiving before reapplying under this section. A reapplication under  
5 this section must be submitted to the department before January 1, 2001.

6 \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2000.