

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 247(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/20/00
Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATORS LEMAN, Tim Kelly

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to eligibility of certain persons who receive veterans' benefits for
2 longevity bonus payments; 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 APPLICATIONS AND REAPPLICATIONS FOR LONGEVITY BONUS
13 PAYMENTS. (a) Notwithstanding AS 47.45.045, a person who qualified to receive a
14 monthly longevity bonus payment under AS 47.45.010 before January 1, 1997, but was later

1 disqualified under AS 47.45.070(a)(2) may reapply for qualification for bonus payments. If
2 the Department of Administration determines that the person is eligible for bonus payments
3 under AS 47.45.070(c), as amended in sec. 1 of this Act, and is otherwise eligible, the amount
4 of the person's monthly bonus shall be the amount the person was receiving before reapplying
5 under this subsection.

6 (b) Notwithstanding AS 47.45.010, a person who originally applied before January 1,
7 1997, and did not qualify to receive a monthly longevity bonus under AS 47.45.070(a)(2) but
8 who otherwise would have qualified may file a new application. If the Department of
9 Administration determines that the person is eligible for bonus payments under
10 AS 47.45.070(c), as amended in sec. 1 of this Act, and is otherwise eligible, the amount of
11 the person's monthly bonus shall be the amount the person would have received had the
12 person qualified under the original application.

13 (c) A new application or reapplication under this section must be submitted to the
14 Department of Administration before January 1, 2001.

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