

**SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 142(HES)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 5/1/01

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to the Alaska temporary assistance program; and providing for an  
2 effective date."

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

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 47.27.015 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (h) When determining under (a)(1) of this section whether an adult has  
6 received benefits for a total of 60 months, the department shall disregard the months  
7 that are required to be disregarded under 42 U.S.C. 608(a)(7)(D).

8 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 47.27.025(c) is amended to read:

9 (c) The department shall, for the months of July, August, and September,  
10 reduce by 50 percent the maximum assistance for which the family is otherwise  
11 eligible if the family's eligibility for assistance is based on AS 47.27.010(4), unless  
12 the second needy parent is determined, under regulations of the department, to  
13 be physically or mentally unable to perform gainful activity [THE  
14 UNEMPLOYMENT OF THE FAMILY'S PRINCIPAL WAGE EARNER].

1           However, if the commissioner determines that temporary economic conditions have  
2           resulted in decreased employment opportunities during those months and a reduction  
3           in assistance would impose an undue hardship on a family, the department may waive  
4           application of this subsection with respect to that family.

5           \* **Sec. 3.** AS 47.27.030(c)(2) is repealed.

6           \* **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
7           read:

8           TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. Notwithstanding sec. 6 of this Act, the Department  
9           of Health and Social Services may immediately proceed to adopt regulations necessary to  
10          implement the changes made by this Act. A regulation adopted under this section takes effect  
11          under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not before the effective date of the  
12          statutory change authorizing the regulation.

13          \* **Sec. 5.** Sections 2 and 4 of this Act take effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

14          \* **Sec. 6.** Except as provided in sec. 5 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 1, 2001.