

**SENATE BILL NO. 116**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR**

**Introduced: 2/22/01**

**Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Judiciary, Finance**

**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 47.27.025(c) is amended to read:

5 (c) The department shall, for the months of July, August, and September,  
6 reduce by 50 percent the maximum assistance for which the family is otherwise  
7 eligible if the family's eligibility for assistance is based on AS 47.27.010(4), unless  
8 the second needy parent is determined, under regulations of the department, to  
9 be physically or mentally unable to perform gainful activity [THE  
10 UNEMPLOYMENT OF THE FAMILY'S PRINCIPAL WAGE EARNER].  
11 However, if the commissioner determines that temporary economic conditions have  
12 resulted in decreased employment opportunities during those months and a reduction  
13 in assistance would impose an undue hardship on a family, the department may waive  
14 application of this subsection with respect to that family.

1     \* **Sec. 2.** AS 47.27.015(f) and 47.27.030(c)(2) are repealed.

2     \* **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
3 read:

4           TRANSITION:   REGULATIONS.   Notwithstanding sec. 5 of this Act, the  
5 Department of Health and Social Services may immediately proceed to adopt regulations  
6 necessary to implement the changes made by this Act. The regulations take effect under  
7 AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not before the effective date of the statutory  
8 change.

9     \* **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 and 3 of this Act take effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

10    \* **Sec. 5.** Except as provided in sec. 4 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 1, 2001.