

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 156(RLS)

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Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE HOLM

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the membership and duties of and quorum requirements for the**
2 **Alaska Commission on Aging; and providing for an effective date."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 47.45.200(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) The Alaska Commission on Aging is established in the Department of
6 Health and Social Services. The members of the commission include

7 (1) the commissioner of health and social services or the
8 commissioner's designee;

9 (2) the commissioner of commerce, community, and economic
10 development or the commissioner's designee;

11 (3) **a senior services provider, regardless of age** [THE
12 COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION OR THE COMMISSIONER'S
13 DESIGNEE];

14 (4) the chair of the Alaska Pioneers' Homes Advisory Board under

1 AS 44.29.500; and

2 (5) seven persons selected on the basis of their knowledge and
3 demonstrated interest in the concerns of older Alaskans, appointed by the governor in
4 accordance with (b) of this section.

5 * **Sec. 2.** AS 47.45.210(b) is amended to read:

6 (b) The **member** [MEMBERS] of the commission listed in
7 AS 47.45.200(a)(2) [AND (3)] may not vote on matters before the commission. A
8 majority of the members of the commission listed in **AS 47.45.200(a)(1) and (3) - (5)**
9 [AS 47.45.200(a)(1), (4), AND (5)] constitutes a quorum for conducting business and
10 exercising the powers of the commission.

11 * **Sec. 3.** AS 47.45.240(a) is amended to read:

12 (a) The commission shall

13 (1) approve a comprehensive statewide plan that identifies the
14 concerns and needs of older Alaskans and, with reference to the approved plan,
15 prepare and submit to the governor and legislature an annual analysis and evaluation
16 of the services that are provided to older Alaskans;

17 (2) make recommendations directly to the governor and the legislature
18 with respect to legislation, regulations, and appropriations for programs or services
19 that benefit older Alaskans;

20 (3) encourage the development of municipal commissions serving
21 older Alaskans and community-oriented programs and services for the benefit of older
22 Alaskans;

23 (4) employ an executive director who serves at the pleasure of the
24 commission;

25 (5) help older Alaskans lead dignified, independent, and useful lives;

26 (6) request and receive reports and audits from state agencies and local
27 institutions concerned with the conditions and needs of older Alaskans;

28 (7) with the approval of the commissioner of health and social
29 services, set policy for the administration of federal programs subject to state control
30 as provided under 42 U.S.C. 3001 - 3058ee (Older Americans Act), as amended [,
31 **AND EVALUATE GRANT APPLICANTS AND MAKE GRANT AWARDS**

1 UNDER THOSE PROGRAMS];

2 (8) with the approval of the commissioner of health and social
3 services, set policy for the administration of state programs as provided under
4 AS 47.65 [AND EVALUATE GRANT APPLICANTS AND AWARD GRANTS
5 UNDER THOSE PROGRAMS];

6 (9) give assistance, on request, to the senior housing office in the
7 Alaska Housing Finance Corporation in administration of the senior housing loan
8 program under AS 18.56.710 - 18.56.799 and in the performance of the office's other
9 duties under AS 18.56.700; and

10 (10) provide to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, for its
11 review and consideration, recommendations concerning the integrated comprehensive
12 mental health program for persons who are described in (d) of this section and the use
13 of the money in the mental health trust settlement income account in a manner
14 consistent with regulations adopted under AS 47.30.031.

15 * **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).