

HOUSE BILL NO. 483

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE KERTTULA

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Referred: State Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to an allowable absence for certain individuals working in combat**
2 **zones providing support to the armed forces of the United States; and providing for an**
3 **effective date."**

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

5 *** Section 1.** AS 43.23.008(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) Subject to (b) and (c) of this section, an otherwise eligible individual who
7 is absent from the state during the qualifying year remains eligible for a current year
8 permanent fund dividend if the individual was absent

9 (1) receiving secondary or postsecondary education on a full-time
10 basis;

11 (2) receiving vocational, professional, or other specific education on a
12 full-time basis for which, as determined by the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary
13 Education, a comparable program is not reasonably available in the state;

14 (3) serving on active duty as a member of the armed forces of the

1 United States or accompanying, as that individual's spouse, minor dependent, or
 2 disabled dependent, an individual who is

3 (A) serving on active duty as a member of the armed forces of
 4 the United States; and

5 (B) eligible for a current year dividend;

6 (4) serving under foreign or coastal articles of employment aboard an
 7 oceangoing vessel of the United States merchant marine;

8 (5) receiving continuous medical treatment recommended by a
 9 licensed physician or convalescing as recommended by the physician that treated the
 10 illness if the treatment or convalescence is not based on a need for climatic change;

11 (6) providing care for a parent, spouse, sibling, child, or stepchild with
 12 a critical life-threatening illness whose treatment plan, as recommended by the
 13 attending physician, requires travel outside the state for treatment at a medical
 14 specialty complex;

15 (7) providing care for the individual's terminally ill family member;

16 (8) settling the estate of the individual's deceased parent, spouse,
 17 sibling, child, or stepchild, provided the absence does not exceed 220 cumulative days;

18 (9) serving as a member of the United States Congress;

19 (10) serving on the staff of a member from this state of the United
 20 States Congress;

21 (11) serving as an employee of the state in a field office or other
 22 location;

23 (12) accompanying a minor who is absent under (5) of this subsection;

24 (13) accompanying another eligible resident who is absent for a reason
 25 permitted under (1), (2), (5) - (12), or (14) of this subsection as the spouse, minor
 26 dependent, or disabled dependent of the eligible resident;

27 (14) for any reason consistent with the individual's intent to remain a
 28 state resident, provided the absence or cumulative absences do not exceed

29 (A) 180 days in addition to any absence or cumulative absences
 30 claimed under (3) of this subsection if the individual is not claiming an absence
 31 under (1), (2), [OR] (4) - (13), or (15) of this subsection;

1 (B) 120 days in addition to any absence or cumulative absences
 2 claimed under (1) - (3) of this subsection if the individual is not claiming an
 3 absence under (4) - (13) **or (15)** of this subsection but is claiming an absence
 4 under (1) or (2) of this subsection; or

5 (C) 45 days in addition to any absence or cumulative absences
 6 claimed under (1) - (13) **or (15)** of this subsection if the individual is claiming
 7 an absence under (4) - (13) **or (15)** of this subsection;

8 **(15) working in a combat zone identified by the federal**
 9 **government providing support to the armed forces of the United States as a**
 10 **United States employee or under a contract to provide services to the United**
 11 **States.**

12 * **Sec. 2.** AS 43.23.008(b) is amended to read:

13 (b) An individual may not claim an allowable absence under (a)(1) - (13) **or**
 14 **(15)** of this section unless the individual was a resident of the state for at least six
 15 consecutive months immediately before leaving the state.

16 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2007.