

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 170(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 5/14/24

Referred: rules

Sponsor(s): SENATORS KAWASAKI, Bjorkman, Wielechowski, Tobin, Kiehl, Wilson, Dunbar, Gray-Jackson, Stevens, Merrick, Claman, Bishop, Stedman, Olson, Giessel, Hughes, Kaufman

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act relating to the Alaska longevity bonus program and the Alaska senior benefits payment program; relating to the supplemental nutrition assistance program; and providing for an effective date."

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

*** Section 1.** AS 18.56.850(b) is amended to read:

(b) In the development of a home energy conservation or weatherization program under (a) of this section, the corporation may not consider the value of [ALASKA LONGEVITY BONUS PAYMENTS UNDER AS 47.45 OR] permanent fund dividends under AS 43.23 in determining whether a person meets income guidelines established under AS 18.56.088 and (a) of this section for a state or, to the extent permitted by federal law, a federal energy conservation or weatherization program.

*** Sec. 2.** AS 44.29.790(c) is amended to read:

(c) The commission may not investigate, review, or undertake any

responsibility for [THE LONGEVITY BONUS PROGRAM UNDER AS 47.45.010 - 47.45.160 OR] the Alaska Pioneers' Home or Alaska Veterans' Home under AS 47.55.

* **Sec. 3.** AS 44.99.205(c)(3) is amended to read:

(3) "program" includes the permanent fund dividend program under AS 43.23 [AND THE LONGEVITY BONUS PROGRAM UNDER AS 47.45.010 - 47.45.160];

* **Sec. 4.** AS 47.25.980(a) is amended to read:

(a) The department shall

(1) adopt regulations necessary to carry out the food stamp program;

(2) cooperate with the federal government and do all things necessary to continue state eligibility under the food stamp program;

(3) comply with the requirements of 7 U.S.C. 2011 - 2036d (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), implement categorical eligibility under 7 U.S.C. 2014(a), and make eligible an individual whose household income is not more than 200 percent of the federal poverty guideline regardless of the value of assets owned by the household [7 U.S.C. 2011 - 2036 (FOOD STAMP PROGRAM)];

(4) establish an electronic application for the food stamp program and allow an applicant to submit an application in electronic format or in other formats required by state and federal law; the electronic application must inform an applicant that a false statement made on the application will be investigated and is punishable under AS 11.56.210; in this paragraph, "electronic application" means an application for benefits or renewal of benefits, whether the department exclusively administers the benefits or administers the benefits in coordination with another state agency or federal agency, electronically completed and submitted through the department's Internet website.

* **Sec. 5.** AS 09.38.015(a)(5); AS 44.64.030(a)(50); AS 47.08.060(c)(8); AS 47.45.010, 47.45.020, 47.45.030, 47.45.040, 47.45.050, 47.45.060, 47.45.070, 47.45.080, 47.45.100, 47.45.110, 47.45.120, 47.45.122, 47.45.130, 47.45.140, 47.45.150, 47.45.160, and 47.45.302(a)(5) are repealed.

* **Sec. 6.** Section 4, ch. 1, FSSLA 2007, as amended by sec. 5, ch. 6, SLA 2011, sec. 1, ch.

- 1 113, SLA 2014, and sec. 1, ch. 8, SLA 2018, is repealed.
- 2 * **Sec. 7.** Section 4 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2025.
- 3 * **Sec. 8.** Except as provided in sec. 7 of this Act, this Act takes effect immediately under
- 4 AS 01.10.070(c).