

**SENATE BILL NO. 109**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to the Alaska permanent fund; relating to income of the Alaska  
2 permanent fund; relating to the amount available for appropriation and appropriations  
3 from the earnings reserve account; relating to the permanent fund dividend; and  
4 providing for an effective date."

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

6 \* **Section 1.** AS 37.13.140 is amended to read:

7 **Sec. 37.13.140. Income.** (a) [NET INCOME OF THE FUND INCLUDES  
8 INCOME OF THE EARNINGS RESERVE ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED UNDER  
9 AS 37.13.145.] Net income of the fund shall be computed annually as of the last day  
10 of the fiscal year in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles,  
11 excluding any unrealized gains or losses. [INCOME AVAILABLE FOR  
12 DISTRIBUTION EQUALS 21 PERCENT OF THE NET INCOME OF THE FUND  
13 FOR THE LAST FIVE FISCAL YEARS, INCLUDING THE FISCAL YEAR JUST  
14 ENDED, BUT MAY NOT EXCEED NET INCOME OF THE FUND FOR THE

1 FISCAL YEAR JUST ENDED PLUS THE BALANCE IN THE EARNINGS  
2 RESERVE ACCOUNT DESCRIBED IN AS 37.13.145.]

3 (b) The corporation shall determine the amount available for appropriation  
4 each year. The amount available for appropriation is five percent of the average  
5 market value of the fund for the first five of the preceding six fiscal years, including  
6 the fiscal year just ended, computed annually for each fiscal year in accordance with  
7 generally accepted accounting principles. **The amount available for appropriation**  
8 **may not exceed the balance in the earnings reserve account described in**  
9 **AS 37.13.145.** In this subsection, "average market value of the fund" includes the  
10 balance of the earnings reserve account established under AS 37.13.145, but does not  
11 include that portion of the principal attributed to the settlement of State v. Amerada  
12 Hess, et al., 1JU-77-847 Civ. (Superior Court, First Judicial District).

13 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 37.13.145(b) is amended to read:

14 (b) **Each** [AT THE END OF EACH] fiscal year, the **legislature may**  
15 **appropriate** [CORPORATION SHALL TRANSFER] from the

16 (1) earnings reserve account to the **general fund the amount**  
17 **available for appropriation calculated under AS 37.13.140(b);**

18 (2) **general fund to the** dividend fund established under  
19 AS 43.23.045, **25** [50] percent of the income available for **appropriation**  
20 [DISTRIBUTION] under **AS 37.13.140(b)** [AS 37.13.140].

21 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 37.13.145(c) is amended to read:

22 (c) After the **appropriations** [TRANSFER] under (b) [AND AN  
23 APPROPRIATION UNDER (e)] of this section, the **legislature may appropriate**  
24 [CORPORATION SHALL TRANSFER] from the earnings reserve account to the  
25 principal of the fund an amount sufficient to offset the effect of inflation on the  
26 principal of the fund during that fiscal year. However, none of the amount  
27 **appropriated** [TRANSFERRED] shall be applied to increase the value of that portion  
28 of the principal attributed to the settlement of State v. Amerada Hess, et al., 1JU-77-  
29 847 Civ. (Superior Court, First Judicial District) on July 1, 2004. The corporation shall  
30 calculate the amount to **appropriate** [TRANSFER] to the principal under this  
31 subsection by

1 (1) computing the average of the monthly United States Consumer  
2 Price Index for all urban consumers for each of the two previous calendar years;

3 (2) computing the percentage change between the first and second  
4 calendar year average; and

5 (3) applying that rate to the value of the principal of the fund on the  
6 last day of the fiscal year just ended, including that portion of the principal attributed  
7 to the settlement of State v. Amerada Hess, et al., 1JU-77-847 Civ. (Superior Court,  
8 First Judicial District).

9 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 37.13.145(d) is amended to read:

10 (d) Notwithstanding (b) of this section, income earned on money awarded in  
11 or received as a result of State v. Amerada Hess, et al., 1JU-77-847 Civ. (Superior  
12 Court, First Judicial District), including settlement, summary judgment, or adjustment  
13 to a royalty-in-kind contract that is tied to the outcome of this case, or interest earned  
14 on the money, or on the earnings of the money shall be treated in the same manner as  
15 other income of the Alaska permanent fund, except that it is not available for  
16 **appropriation** [DISTRIBUTION] to the **general fund or the** dividend fund **under**  
17 **(b) of this section or** [,] for **an appropriation** [TRANSFERS] to the principal under  
18 (c) of this section [, OR FOR AN APPROPRIATION UNDER (e) OF THIS  
19 SECTION,] and shall be annually deposited into the Alaska capital income fund  
20 (AS 37.05.565).

21 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 37.13.300(c) is amended to read:

22 (c) Net income from the mental health trust fund may not be included in the  
23 computation of **the amount** [NET INCOME OR MARKET VALUE] available for  
24 [DISTRIBUTION OR] appropriation under **AS 37.13.140(b)** [AS 37.13.140].

25 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 43.23.025(a) is amended to read:

26 (a) By October 1 of each year, the commissioner shall determine the value of  
27 each permanent fund dividend for that year by

28 (1) determining the total amount available for dividend payments,  
29 which equals

30 (A) the amount **appropriated** [OF INCOME OF THE  
31 ALASKA PERMANENT FUND TRANSFERRED] to the dividend fund

1 under AS 37.13.145(b) during the current year;

2 (B) plus the unexpended and unobligated balances of prior  
3 fiscal year appropriations that lapse into the dividend fund under  
4 AS 43.23.045(d);

5 (C) less the amount necessary to pay prior year dividends from  
6 the dividend fund in the current year under AS 43.23.005(h), 43.23.021, and  
7 43.23.055(3) and (7);

8 (D) less the amount necessary to pay dividends from the  
9 dividend fund due to eligible applicants who, as determined by the department,  
10 filed for a previous year's dividend by the filing deadline but who were not  
11 included in a previous year's dividend computation;

12 (E) less appropriations from the dividend fund during the  
13 current year, including amounts to pay costs of administering the dividend  
14 program and the hold harmless provisions of AS 43.23.240;

15 (2) determining the number of individuals eligible to receive a  
16 dividend payment for the current year and the number of estates and successors  
17 eligible to receive a dividend payment for the current year under AS 43.23.005(h); and

18 (3) dividing the amount determined under (1) of this subsection by the  
19 amount determined under (2) of this subsection.

20 \* **Sec. 7.** AS 37.13.145(e) and 37.13.145(f) are repealed.

21 \* **Sec. 8.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).