

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. CHAPADOS

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 118

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to public assistance pro-  
7 grams; providing uniform methods of deter-  
8 mining payment; limiting expenditures;  
9 removing the maximum assistance benefits;  
10 amending Sec. 51-2-33, ACLA 1949 as amended  
11 by Ch. 57, SLA 1949 and Ch. 106, SLA 1951;  
12 amending Sec. 51-2-51, ACLA 1949 as amended  
13 by Ch. 33, SLA 1949, Ch. 49, SLA 1951 and  
14 Ch. 101, SLA 1953; amending Sec. 4 of Ch.  
15 126, SLA 1951 as amended by Ch. 40, SLA  
16 1953; amending Ch. 110, SLA 1953 as amended  
17 by Ch. 38, SLA 1957; and providing for an  
18 effective date."

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

20 Section 1. Sec. 51-2-33, ACLA 1949 as amended by Ch. 57,  
21 SLA 1949 and Ch. 106, SLA 1951, is hereby amended to read as  
22 follows:

23 Sec. 51-2-33. AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE. The amount of  
24 assistance which shall be granted for any dependent child,  
25 and the relative with whom the dependent child is living,  
26 shall be determined by the Welfare Department with due regard  
27 to the resources and necessary expenditures for the family  
28 and the condition existing in each case and shall be suf-  
29 ficient, when added to all other income and support available

1 to the child, to provide such child and relative with  
2 reasonable subsistence according to the standards of assis-  
3 tance established by the Welfare Department and within the  
4 funds appropriated to it COMPATIBLE WITH DECENCY AND HEALTH:  
5 PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE GRANTED  
6 SHALL NOT EXCEED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$60.00) WHERE THERE IS A  
7 RELATIVE AND ONE CHILD, AND WHERE THERE IS MORE THAN ONE SUCH  
8 CHILD, THE AMOUNT ALLOWED FOR THE RELATIVE AND FIRST CHILD  
9 SHALL NOT EXCEED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$60.00) AND THE AMOUNT FOR  
10 EACH ADDITIONAL CHILD SHALL NOT EXCEED THIRTY DOLLARS  
11 (\$30.00).

12 Sec. 2. Sec. 51-2-51, ACLA 1949 as amended by Ch. 33, SLA  
13 1949, Ch. 49, SLA 1951 and Ch. 101, SLA 1953, is hereby amended to  
14 read as follows:

15 Sec. 51-2-51. PERSONS ENTITLED TO ASSISTANCE: LIMITA-  
16 TION OF AMOUNT. Financial assistance shall be given under  
17 this Act, so far as practicable under the conditions in this  
18 State TERRITORY, to any aged, needy resident of the State  
19 TERRITORY who has resided therein for five years during the  
20 nine years preceding the date of application, who has  
21 attained the age of 65 years, and who has not made a voluntary  
22 assignment or transfer of property for the purposes of  
23 qualifying for such assistance. Assistance granted shall be  
24 determined by the Welfare Department with due regard to the  
25 resources and need of the person and the conditions existing  
26 in each case and shall be sufficient to provide the applicant  
27 with reasonable subsistence according to the standards of  
28 assistance established by the Welfare Department and within  
29 the funds appropriated to it IN SUCH AMOUNT AS WILL PROVIDE

1 THE APPLICANT WITH A REASONABLE SUBSISTENCE COMPATIBLE WITH  
2 DECENCY AND HEALTH, BUT SHALL IN NO CASE EXCEED THE RATE OF  
3 \$90.00 PER CALENDAR MONTH<sup>7</sup>. No payment under the provisions  
4 of this Act may be made to or in behalf of any individual  
5 who is a resident of the Alaska Pioneers' Home or any other  
6 public institution (except as a patient in a public medical  
7 institution) or any individual (a) who is a patient in an  
8 institution (either public or private) for tuberculosis or  
9 mental diseases, or (b) who has been diagnosed as having  
10 tuberculosis or psychosis and is a patient in a medical  
11 institution as a result thereof.

12 Any resident of the Alaska Pioneers' Home or other  
13 institution may at anytime he wishes to leave the institution  
14 make application for assistance under this program in lieu  
15 of the support and maintenance provided in such Home or  
16 institution.

17 Sec. 3. Sec. 4 of Ch. 125, SLA 1951 as amended by Ch. 40,  
18 SLA 1953 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 Sec. 4. AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE. The amount of assistance  
20 which shall be granted for any needy blind person shall be  
21 determined by the Welfare Department with due regard to the  
22 resources and needs of the person, and the conditions exist-  
23 ing in each case, and shall be sufficient to provide the  
24 applicant with reasonable subsistence COMPATIBLE WITH  
25 DECENCY AND HEALTH AND according to the Standards of Assis-  
26 tance established by the Welfare Department, and within the  
27 funds appropriated to it BUT SHALL IN NO CASE EXCEED THE  
28 RATE OF \$100.00 PER MONTH<sup>7</sup>.

29 Sec. 4. Ch. 110, SLA 1953 as amended by Ch. 33, SLA 1957

1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2           Sec. 3. AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE. The amount of assistance  
3 which may be granted for any needy person shall be determined  
4 by the Welfare Department with due regard to the resources  
5 and needs of the person and the conditions existing in each  
6 case, and where possible shall be sufficient to provide the  
7 applicant with reasonable subsistence according to Standards  
8 of Assistance established by the Welfare Department and with-  
9 in the funds appropriated to it /; PROVIDED, THAT THE AMOUNT  
10 OF ASSISTANCE FOR SUBSISTENCE NEEDS MAY NOT EXCEED \$80.00  
11 PER PERSON PER CALENDAR MONTH/.

12           Sec. 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1959.