

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR COGHILL

2 SENATE BILL NO. 199

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to old age assistance; in-  
7 creasing the maximum assistance benefit and  
8 stipulating basis for entitlement; amending  
9 Sec. 51-2-51, ACLA 1949, as amended by Ch.  
10 33, SLA 1949, Ch. 49, SLA 1951, Ch. 101, SLA  
11 1953, and Ch. 110, SLA 1959; and providing  
12 for an effective date."

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

14 Section 1. Sec. 51-2-51, ACLA 1949, as amended by Ch. 33,  
15 SLA 1949, Ch. 49, SLA 1951, Ch. 101, SLA 1953, and Ch. 110, SLA  
16 1959, is amended to read as follows:

17 Sec. 51-2-51. PERSONS ENTITLED TO ASSISTANCE: LIMITA-  
18 TION OF AMOUNT. Financial assistance shall be given under  
19 this Act, so far as practicable under the conditions in this  
20 state, to any aged, needy resident of the state who has  
21 resided therein for five years during the nine years immedia-  
22 tely preceding the date of application, who has attained the  
23 age of 65 years, and who has not made a voluntary assignment  
24 or transfer of property for the purpose of qualifying for  
25 such assistance. Assistance granted shall be in no case  
26 higher than \$150.00 per calendar month nor less than \$120.00  
27 per calendar month. The director of the division of welfare  
28 shall consider only receipts of retirement plans in computing  
29 the minimum and maximum entitlement to recipients, and shall

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pay the remainder in full to applicants granted aid. [SUCH AMOUNT AS WILL PROVIDE THE APPLICANT WITH A REASONABLE SUBSISTENCE COMPATIBLE WITH DECENCY AND HEALTH, BUT SHALL IN NO CASE EXCEED THE RATE OF \$100.00 PER CALENDAR MONTH.]

No payment under the provisions of this Act may be made to or in behalf of any individual who is a resident of the Alaska Pioneers' Home or any other public institution (except as a patient in a public medical institution) or any individual (a) who is a patient in an institution (either public or private) for tuberculosis or mental diseases, or (b) who has been diagnosed as having tuberculosis or psychosis and is a patient in a medical institution as a result thereof.

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

Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on July 1, 1960.