

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY HEALTH, WELFARE AND
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 480

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to old age assistance,
7 exempting from the maximum amount limita-
8 tion direct payments for medical and
9 remedial care; amending Sec. 51-2-51, ACLA
10 1949 as last amended by Ch. 110, SLA 1959;
11 and providing for an effective date."

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

13 Section 1. Sec. 51-2-51, ACLA 1949 as last amended by
14 Ch. 110, SLA 1959 is amended to read:

15 Sec. 51-2-51. PERSONS ENTITLED TO ASSISTANCE: LIM-
16 TATION OF AMOUNT. Financial assistance shall be given under
17 this Act, so far as practicable under the conditions in this
18 state, to any aged, needy resident of the state who has re-
19 sided therein for five years during the nine years immediate-
20 ly preceding the date of application, who has attained the
21 age of 65 years, and who has not made a voluntary assignment
22 or transfer of property for the purpose of qualifying for
23 such assistance. Assistance granted shall be in such amount
24 as will provide the applicant with a reasonable subsistence
25 compatible with decency and health, but shall in no case
26 exceed the rate of \$100.00 per calendar month, except that
27 direct payments for medical services and remedial care shall
28 not be considered in determining the maximum amount payable.

29 No payment under the provisions of this Act may be made

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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.