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IN THE HOUSE

BY HEALTH, WELFARE AND
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL NO. 480

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to old age assistance, exempting from the maximum amount limitation direct payments for medical and remedial care; amending Sec. 51-2-51, ACLA 1949 as last amended by Ch. 110, SLA 1959."

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

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

Sec. 51-2-51. PERSONS ENTITLED TO ASSISTANCE: LIMITATION OF AMOUNT. Financial assistance shall be given under this Act, so far as practicable under the conditions in this state, to any aged, needy resident of the state who has resided therein for five years during the nine years immediately preceding the date of application, who has attained the age of 65 years, and who has not made a voluntary assignment or transfer of property for the purpose of qualifying for such assistance. Assistance granted shall be in 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, except that direct payments for medical services and remedial care shall not be considered in determining the maximum amount payable.

No payment under the provisions of this Act may be made to or in behalf of any individual who is a resident of the

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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.