

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29

IN THE SENATE

BY RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

SENATE BILL NO. 222

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act to facilitate recovery of property outside the state; amending Sec. 125, Ch. 87, SLA 1957 as amended by Sec. 13, Ch. 127, SLA 1959; and providing for an effective date."

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

Section 1. Sec. 125, Ch. 87, SLA 1957 as amended by Sec. 13, Ch. 127, SLA 1959, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 125. DISPOSITION OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND UNCLAIMED FUNDS OF PATIENTS. All articles of personal property remaining in the custody of the head of the designated hospital and belonging to a patient who has died prior to his release on convalescent status or discharge, or who has departed therefrom without authority, if unclaimed by such patient, or his legal heirs or representatives, within the period of one year after the decease of such patient or the date of his leaving the hospital, shall be disposed of in such manner as the Department may prescribe, and any proceeds resulting therefrom shall be covered into the Treasury of Alaska to the credit of the Department for expenditure by the Department for the administration of this Act without the necessity of legal action. Any monies remaining to the credit of such patient, if unclaimed by his legal heirs or representatives or by such patient

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29

within the period of one year after the decease of such patient or the date of his leaving the hospital, shall be covered into the Treasury of Alaska to the credit of the Department, for expenditure by the Department for the administration of this Act without the necessity of legal action.

In all cases where a mentally ill individual has died in a foreign hospital and the Department desires to recover the patient's personal property under the provisions of this section, the Commissioner of Health and Welfare or his designated representative is authorized to secure such property and for that purpose only is hereby designated the decedent's administrator. All property so recovered shall be disposed of as provided by law.

Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.