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Referred: Health, Education
and Welfare and Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE

RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 85

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act increasing the maximum amount of
7 assistance and providing security for
8 assistance under the Aid to the Blind
9 program and providing for an effective
10 date."

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

12 * Section 1. AS 47.25.640 is amended to read:

13 Sec. 47.25.640. AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE. The depart-
14 ment shall determine the amount of assistance granted for
15 a needy blind person with due regard to the resources and
16 needs of the person, and the conditions existing in each
17 case. Assistance shall be sufficient to provide the
18 applicant with reasonable subsistence compatible with
19 decency and health, and according to the standards of
20 assistance established by the department. However, assis-
21 tance shall not exceed \$110 [\$100] a month. Direct pay-
22 ments for medical services and remedial care shall not be
23 considered in determining the maximum amount payable.

24 * Sec. 2. AS 47.25 is amended by adding a new section to
25 read:

26 Sec. 47.25.721. SECURITY AND LIEN. (a) The depart-
27 ment may require as a condition of granting financial
28 assistance that the property of a recipient, except per-
29 sonal property to the amount of \$500, be pledged as a

1 guarantee for the reimbursement of the funds granted and an
2 instrument executed by the recipient, pledging the property,
3 shall be made to the department and held by it for the
4 state.

5 (b) The state has a lien against all the property
6 of the recipient, except personal property to the amount
7 of \$500, and in an amount equal to that expended for his
8 benefit, from and after the filing of a claim of lien in
9 the office of the recorder for the district in which the
10 property is located or possessed, particularly describing
11 the property. Suit to foreclose a lien shall be instituted
12 within six months after the cessation of assistance or as
13 soon afterward as possible.

14 (c) From and after the lien attaches, the property
15 shall not be sold without the consent of the state, except
16 that consent may be given by the attorney general on
17 behalf of the state agency filing the lien if a prior
18 permanent or superior lien is filed against the property.
19 The lien, if not satisfied by the purchaser, is not lost,
20 nor does the augmentation of the amount of the lien in
21 proportion to expenditures made on behalf of the recipient,
22 cease.

23 (d) Claim of lien shall be filed only in those cases
24 which the department, in its discretion, considers proper.
25 If the United States requires, it shall be reimbursed out
26 of the money realized upon the security on a pro rata
27 basis in proportion to the amount it expended on behalf of
28 the recipient, and the remaining amount shall be paid to
29 the Department of Revenue for the assistance granted under

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secs. 620 - 780 of this chapter.

* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect on July 1, 1963.