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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. HOLM

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 170

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act authorizing village councils to act
7 as welfare agencies; and providing for an
8 effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 47.25 is amended by adding a new section to
11 read:

12 Sec. 47.25.135. ASSISTANCE DETERMINED BY VILLAGE
13 COUNCIL. (a) An elected council of any village, whether or
14 not incorporated, of not less than three members shall at
15 the request of the council be recognized by the department
16 and vested with the authority to act as a service agency of
17 the department. It may determine the amount of assistance a
18 needy resident of that village may require with regard to
19 the resources, needs, and existing conditions in each case,
20 in place of the department as set out in sec. 130 of this
21 chapter. However, the amount of assistance may not exceed
22 \$80 a person a calendar month.

23 (b) The village council shall abide by regulations
24 promulgated by the department in all matters concerning the
25 authorization of assistance.

26 (c) The department shall dispense the funds to those
27 persons declared eligible by the council.

28 * Sec. 2. AS 47.25.160 is amended to read:

29 Sec. 47.25.160. INVESTIGATION OF APPLICANT. The

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department or its authorized service agency shall promptly investigate each applicant to determine the applicant's eligibility.

* Sec. 3. AS 47.25.170 is amended to read:

Sec. 47.25.170. GRANTING OF ASSISTANCE. Upon the completion of its investigation, the department or its authorized service agency shall decide whether the applicant is eligible for and should receive assistance promptly under secs. 120 - 300 of this chapter, the amount of assistance, the manner of paying or providing it, and the date on which the assistance shall begin. The department or its authorized service agency shall notify the applicant of its decision.

* Sec. 4. AS 47.25.180 is amended to read:

Sec. 47.25.180. APPEAL. An applicant whose application is not acted upon, or is denied, discontinued, or modified by the department or its authorized service agency shall be granted an opportunity for fair hearing before a representative of the department appointed for that purpose. The hearing shall be held within a reasonable time after demand for it. A representative designated to conduct the hearing shall be governed by the regulations prescribed for that purpose by the department.

* Sec. 5. AS 47.25.200 is amended to read:

Sec. 47.25.200. REVIEW OF ELIGIBILITY. Assistance grants under secs. 120 - 300 of this chapter shall be reviewed by the department or its authorized service agency as frequently as it considers necessary, and the amount of assistance may be changed or entirely withdrawn, if the review of the circumstances warrants this action.

1 * Sec. 6. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage
2 and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.
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