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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 374

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to medical assistance for needy
7 persons."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 47 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

10 CHAPTER 7. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY PERSONS.

11 Sec. 47.07.010. PURPOSE. Medical assistance for needy persons
12 is declared to be a matter of public concern and a necessity in pro-
13 moting the public health and welfare and for promoting the state's
14 goal of making available to everyone, regardless of race, age, national
15 origin or economic standing, uniform, high-quality medical care. In
16 furtherance of this goal, a comprehensive program of medical assistance
17 for needy persons is established by this chapter to operate in a manner
18 which will assure a uniform high standard of medical assistance through-
19 out the state. In carrying out this program every effort shall be made
20 to promote maximum public awareness of the availability of, and pro-
21 cedure for obtaining, this assistance, and to facilitate the appli-
22 cation for, and the provision of this medical assistance.

23 Sec. 47.07.020. FEDERAL AID AND THE STATE PLAN. (a) The depart-
24 ment shall submit a plan for medical assistance, as required by title
25 XIX of the federal Social Security Act, to the U. S. Department of
26 Health, Education and Welfare for approval under the provisions of this
27 title and shall act as the single state agency to supervise the admin-
28 istration of the plan in this state. The department shall act for the
29 state in any negotiations relative to the submission and approval of

1 the plan provided for in this section and it may make those arrange-
2 ments, not inconsistent with law, as may be required by or pursuant
3 to federal law to obtain and retain approval of the U. S. Department
4 of Health, Education and Welfare and to secure for the state the
5 benefits of the provisions of title XIX of the federal Social Security
6 Act.

7 (b) The department shall make those rules and regulations, not
8 inconsistent with law, as may be necessary to implement the provisions
9 of this chapter.

10 (c) The department shall make reports to the U. S. Department of
11 Health, Education and Welfare as from time to time may be required
12 by the federal department.

13 (d) The Department of Administration shall accept and receive any
14 and all grants of money awarded to the state under title XIX of the
15 federal Social Security Act. All money so received shall be deposited
16 by the Department of Administration in a special account of the state
17 treasurer and shall be used by the state exclusively for medical
18 assistance and administration of medical assistance under the provisions
19 of this chapter. This money shall be paid from the account on a
20 certified disbursement voucher from the department.

21 Sec. 47.07.030. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter "department"
22 means the Department of Health and Welfare.
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