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HOUSE BILL NO. 720

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to subsidized adoptions, and providing for an effective date."

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

* Section 1. AS 20.10 is amended by adding new sections to read:

Sec. 20.10.150. ADOPTION ASSISTANCE. A person who is eligible under the provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations adopted under this chapter shall not be refused the privilege of adopting a child solely on the basis that he is financially incapable of providing the child reasonable subsistence.

Sec. 20.10.155. APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE. A person who is incapable of providing reasonable subsistence and who is otherwise eligible to adopt a child may apply to the department for financial assistance. The amount of assistance shall be determined by the department with regard to the resources and needs of the person and the conditions existing in each case. Where possible, assistance shall be sufficient to provide the applicant with an amount of assistance necessary to provide for the reasonable subsistence of the adopted child according to standards of assistance established by the department. However, the amount of assistance may not exceed the amounts payable to families under the foster family program.

Sec. 20.10.160. INVESTIGATION. The department shall promptly investigate each applicant to determine the applicant's eligibility. Upon the completion of the investigation the department shall decide whether the applicant should receive assistance, the amount of

1 assistance, the manner of paying or providing it, and the date on which
2 the assistance shall begin. The department shall notify the applicant
3 of its decision.

4 Sec. 20.10.170. APPEAL. An applicant whose application is not
5 acted upon, or is denied, discontinued, or modified by the department
6 shall be granted an opportunity for fair hearing before a representative
7 of the department appointed for that purpose. The hearing shall be
8 held within a reasonable time after demand for it. A representative
9 designated to conduct the hearing shall be governed by the regulations
10 prescribed for that purpose by the department.

11 Sec. 20.10.175. REVIEW OF ELIGIBILITY. Assistance grants under
12 secs. 150 - 170 of this chapter shall be received by the department
13 as frequently as it considers necessary, and the amount of assistance
14 may be changed or entirely withdrawn, if the review of the circum-
15 stances warrants this action.

16 Sec. 20.10.180. TERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY. A person shall not
17 be eligible for adoption assistance after the child has reached the
18 age of 18 years. Payments may be denied, discontinued, or modified,
19 however, prior to that time upon a finding by the department that the
20 assistance is no longer needed under secs. 150 - 175 of this chapter.
21 The fact that a person has removed himself and the adopted child from
22 the state shall not, of itself, be grounds for termination of the
23 adoption assistance.

24 Sec. 20.10.185. REGULATIONS. The department shall promulgate
25 regulations necessary to implement the provisions of secs. 150 - 175
26 of this chapter.

27 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on July 1, 1970.