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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 56

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3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH 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 promot-
13 ing the public health and welfare and for promoting the state's goal of
14 making available to everyone, regardless of race, age, national origin
15 or economic standing, uniform, high-quality medical care. In furtherance
16 of this goal, a comprehensive program of medical assistance for needy
17 persons is established by this chapter to operate in a manner which
18 will assure a uniform high standard of medical assistance throughout
19 the state. In carrying out this program every effort shall be made
20 to promote maximum public awareness of the availability of, and proce-
21 dure for obtaining, this assistance, and to facilitate the application
22 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
27 this title and shall act as the single state agency to supervise the
28 administration of the plan in this state. The department shall act for
29 the 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 to
3 federal law to obtain and retain approval of the U. S. Department of
4 Health, Education and Welfare and to secure for the state the benefits
5 of the provisions of title XIX of the federal Social Security Act.

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

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

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

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