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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 176

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 the administration and maintenance  
7 of the Alaska Pioneers' Homes; and providing for an  
8 effective date."

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

10 \* Section 1. AS 47.05.010 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

11 (15) administer and maintain the pioneers' homes and receive  
12 and spend funds made available to them.

13 \* Sec. 2. AS 47.25.010 is amended to read:

14 Sec. 47.25.010. MAINTENANCE OF ALASKA PIONEERS' HOME. (a) The  
15 state shall maintain an institution for the care of needy persons,  
16 known as the Alaska Pioneers' Home. The principal home shall be  
17 maintained at Sitka, and a branch may be maintained at a site or sites  
18 designated by the commissioner of health and welfare [ADMINISTRATION]  
19 north and west of Yakutat.

20 (b) The Department of Health and Welfare [ADMINISTRATION] shall  
21 formulate general policies, but has no administrative or executive  
22 functions other than those set out in secs. 10 - 110 of this chapter.  
23 It may hold hearings and subpoena witnesses and documents and may ad-  
24 minister oaths in connection with them.

25 (c) The Department of Health and Welfare [ADMINISTRATION] shall

26 (1) cooperate with the federal government in matters per-  
27 taining to the welfare of Alaskan pioneers, make the reports in the  
28 form and containing the information the federal government from time  
29 to time desires, and accept funds allotted by the federal government,

1 its agencies or instrumentalities, in establishing, extending and  
2 strengthening services for pioneers of Alaska;

3 (2) adopt regulations necessary for the conduct of the  
4 business of the Pioneers' Home and for carrying out the provisions of  
5 secs. 10 - 110 of this chapter, require bonds and undertakings from  
6 persons employed by it as in its judgment are necessary, and pay the  
7 premiums on them, and establish regional and local offices and the  
8 advisory groups which are necessary or considered expedient to carry  
9 out or assist in carrying out a duty or authority assigned to it;

10 (3) perform all executive or administrative duties necessary  
11 and advisable to carry out the purpose of secs. 10 - 110 of this  
12 chapter, including the power to make contracts and to make disburse-  
13 ments on vouchers against funds for the purpose of secs. 10 - 110 of  
14 this chapter, within the limit of funds available;

15 (4) study the needs of Alaska's pioneers and submit recom-  
16 mendations for new rules, regulations and proposed legislation;

17 (5) prepare an annual report to the legislature.

18 (d) The Department of Health and Welfare [ADMINISTRATION] may  
19 employ the necessary subordinate officers and employees, and shall  
20 prescribe methods for operation of the Pioneers' Home, standards of  
21 care and service to inmates, and rules governing personnel and rewarding  
22 employees on a merit basis.

23 \* Sec. 3. AS 47.25.020(a) is repealed and re-enacted to read:

24 (a) Every eligible person residing in the state who is destitute  
25 and in need of aid or benefit of the home because of physical disability  
26 or other cause, may make application for admission under the conditions,  
27 limitations and penalties prescribed by the regulations of the Depart-  
28 ment of Health and Welfare.

29 \* Sec. 4. AS 47.25.020(b) is amended to read:

1 (b) Every person admitted to the Pioneers Home [, EXCEPT A  
2 PERSON ADMITTED UNDER SEC. 30 OF THIS CHAPTER,] who receives income from  
3 any source in excess of \$35 a month may be required by the Department  
4 of Health and Welfare [ADMINISTRATION] to pay the excess to the Depart-  
5 ment of Health and Welfare [ADMINISTRATION] immediately upon receipt  
6 of the money in payment, or part payment, of the cost of his maintenance.

7 \* Sec. 5. AS 47.25.020(c) is amended to read:

8 (c) At the end of each month the payments made under (b) of this  
9 section shall be transmitted to the commissioner of revenue together  
10 with the names of the persons making them and the amount paid by each.  
11 The Department of Health and Welfare [ADMINISTRATION] may pay the sum  
12 of \$35 a month to a resident without funds.

13 \* Sec. 6. AS 47.25.050 is amended to read:

14 Sec. 47.25.050. MAINTENANCE FUNDS. The legislature shall each  
15 session appropriate the necessary funds to the maintenance of the home  
16 to be expended by the Department of Health and Welfare [ADMINISTRATION],  
17 and that department may receive funds, donations and bequests from  
18 private individuals, societies or organizations, and funds from the  
19 federal government for the support and maintenance of the home.

20 \* Sec. 7. AS 47.25.060 is amended to read:

21 Sec. 47.25.060. TRUST FUND. Unless otherwise provided by the  
22 donor, all money bequested to the Alaska Pioneers' Home constitutes a  
23 special trust, and shall be deposited in a special fund designated the  
24 "Alaska Pioneers' Home Trust Fund." Unless otherwise provided by the  
25 donor, interest from this fund is under the control, and at the dis-  
26 posal of the Department of Health and Welfare [ADMINISTRATION], and  
27 expenditure from it is limited to the benefit and comfort of the  
28 residents of the home.

29 \* Sec. 8. AS 44.21.020(10); AS 44.21.100 - 44.21.130; AS 47.25.030 -

1 47.25.040; AS 47.25.070 - 47.25.080; and AS 47.25.430(b) are repealed.

2 \* Sec. 9. This Act takes effect July 1, 1971.

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