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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to rehabilitation of the  
6 elderly in the Pioneers' Homes, and  
7 similar institutions in Alaska.

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

9 WHEREAS the establishment of the Pioneers' Homes is an example of civ-  
10 ilized man's recognition of his responsibility for older people no longer  
11 able to fend for themselves; and

12 WHEREAS minimal recognition has been given to the application of  
13 modern techniques of rehabilitation, including occupational therapy and  
14 physical medicine, in the Pioneers' Homes; and

15 WHEREAS the implementation of these techniques would enhance the reha-  
16 bilitative services to the elderly of Alaska and aid in maintaining and  
17 improving the elderly's mobility and independence;

18 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct  
19 the Department of Health and Social Services to undertake a study of all  
20 available federal and state funds which might be available for the hiring  
21 of a physiatrist (M.D.), to investigate the availability and salary require-  
22 ments of these vocational specialists and occupational therapists both on a  
23 full and part time basis; and be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED that a specialist in psychiatry, certified by the  
25 American Board of Psychiatry, and with special consideration being given to  
26 professional experience in Alaska, be retained by the Department of Health  
27 and Social Services to make a survey of patient rehabilitative services in  
28 Pioneers' Homes and in private institutions of a similar nature, if  
29 requested, and to submit a report at the earliest possible time to the

1 Department of Health and Social Services concerning his findings and recommen-  
2 dations, including the cost of having a continuing consultant regarding  
3 these matters; and be it

4       FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and Social Services  
5 report its findings to the Ninth Legislature - First Session, within 10 days  
6 after it convenes.

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