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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 225

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to assistance and care for the aged,
7 blind, and disabled; and providing for an effective
8 date."

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

10 * Section 1. It is the purpose of this Act to authorize the Department
11 of Health and Social Services, on an interim basis, to maintain current
12 standards of assistance to adult public assistance recipients and to comple-
13 ment Title XVI of the Social Security Act as amended by P.L. 92-603.

14 * Sec. 2. The Department of Health and Social Services may provide for
15 state administration of supplemental financial assistance to recipients of
16 supplemental security income for the aged, blind, and disabled under Title XVI
17 of the Social Security Act, as amended by P.L. 92-603, or to those appli-
18 cants for supplemental security income who would be eligible but for their
19 income.

20 * Sec. 3. The Department of Health and Social Services may contract with
21 agencies, departments and officials of the federal government to provide
22 for federal administration of supplemental financial assistance to recipi-
23 ents of supplemental security income for the aged, blind, and disabled under
24 Title XVI of the Social Security Act, as amended by P.L. 92-603, or to those
25 applicants who would be eligible but for their income.

26 * Sec. 4. The Department of Health and Social Services may continue the
27 program of assistance under AS 47.25.430 - 47.25.970 for those who are
28 eligible or become eligible under the standards established under those
29 sections but who are not eligible for supplemental security income for the

1 aged, blind, and disabled under Title XVI of the Social Security Act, as
2 amended by P.L. 92-603, after December 31, 1973. In exercising its authority
3 under this section the department may use 100 per cent state funds in the
4 event federal funds are not available.

5 * Sec. 5. The Department of Health and Social Services may contract with
6 agencies, departments and officials of the federal government to provide for
7 federal administration of medicaid eligibility of recipients of supplemental
8 security income for the aged, blind, and disabled.

9 * Sec. 6. The Department of Health and Social Services shall establish
10 eligibility and budget standards for recipients of adult public assistance
11 after December 31, 1973, which will provide a person with the same total
12 of state and federal adult public assistance that he would have received if
13 the standards in effect on December 31, 1972 were applicable.

14 * Sec. 7. The Department of Health and Social Services shall report to
15 the Second Session of the Eighth Legislature not later than March 15, 1974,
16 on the adult public assistance program of Alaska and the federal government,
17 recommend any legislative changes appropriate, and provide a fiscal analysis
18 of the alternatives to the state under the existing law and under proposed
19 changes in the law.

20 * Sec. 8. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval
21 or on the day it becomes law without approval.
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