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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 281

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act qualifying maximum amount of assistance payable
7 under public assistance to conform to Office of Econ-
8 omic Opportunity poverty guidelines."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 47.25.130 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 47.25.130. AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE. The amount of assistance
12 for a needy person shall be determined by the department with regard to
13 the resources and needs of the person and the conditions existing in
14 each case. Where possible, assistance shall be sufficient to provide
15 the applicant with reasonable subsistence according to standards of
16 assistance established by the department. However, the amount of assis-
17 tance for subsistence needs may not exceed \$80 a person a calendar
18 month unless that amount is less than the Office of Economic Opportunity
19 poverty guidelines for the state, in which case the maximum amount
20 payable does not apply.

21 * Sec. 2. AS 47.25.320(b) is amended to read:

22 (b) The monetary maximums in (a) of this section do not apply
23 (1) to payments made under this program for the care of a
24 dependent child in a foster family home;
25 (2) if the amount is less than the Office of Economic Oppor-
26 tunity poverty guidelines for the state [. THE PAYMENT SHALL CONFORM
27 TO FOSTER CARE RATES AS PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT].

28 * Sec. 3. AS 47.25.640 is amended to read:

29 Sec. 47.25.640. AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE. The department shall

1 determine the amount of assistance granted for a needy blind person
2 with due regard to the resources and needs of the person and the condi-
3 tions existing in each case. Assistance shall be sufficient to provide
4 the applicant with reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and
5 health, and according to the standards of assistance established by the
6 department. However, assistance may not exceed \$250 a calendar month
7 unless that amount is less than the Office of Economic Opportunity
8 poverty guidelines for the state, in which case the maximum amount pay-
9 able does not apply. Direct payments for medical services and remedial
10 care may not be considered in determining the maximum amount payable.

11 * Sec. 4. AS 47.25.810 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 47.25.810. AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE. The amount of assistance
13 for a permanently and totally disabled person shall be determined by
14 the department with regard to the resources and needs of the person and
15 the conditions existing in each case. Where possible, assistance shall
16 be sufficient to provide reasonable subsistence compatible with decency
17 and health and according to the standards of assistance established by
18 the department. However, the amount of assistance may not exceed \$250
19 a calendar month unless that amount is less than the Office of Economic
20 Opportunity poverty guidelines for the state, in which case the maximum
21 amount payable does not apply. Direct payments for medical services and
22 remedial care may not be considered in determining the maximum amount
23 payable.

24 * Sec. 5. AS 47.25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

25 ARTICLE 8. STANDARDS FOR ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS.

26 Sec. 47.25.995. MINIMUM AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE. (a) All public
27 assistance payments authorized under this chapter shall be no less than
28 the federally established Office of Economic Opportunity poverty guide-
29 lines for the state.

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(b) To the extent that any maximums are established by statute to limit the amount payable under a program authorized in this chapter, they do not apply so long as they are below the minimums required in (a) of this section.

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