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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 393

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

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

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

9 * Section 1. AS 47.25.430(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) Financial assistance shall be given under secs. 430 - 610 of
11 this chapter, so far as practicable under the conditions in the state,
12 to every aged, needy resident of the state who has attained the age
13 of 65 years, who has not made a voluntary assignment or transfer of
14 property to qualify for assistance. Assistance shall be in an amount
15 which will provide the applicant with reasonable subsistence compatible
16 with decency and health in accordance with standards established by
17 the department and with the standards established under Title XVI of
18 the Social Security Act. When benefit amounts under Title II or
19 Title XVI of the Social Security Act are increased as a result of an
20 increase in the cost of living, the state shall pass along the increase
21 to recipients, and shall increase the amount of the state contribution
22 to recipients by a percentage of the state contribution equal to the
23 percentage increase in the benefit amounts under Title II or Title
24 XVI [, BUT MAY IN NO CASE EXCEED \$250 A CALENDAR MONTH]. Direct pay-
25 ments for medical services and remedial care may not be considered
26 in determining the [MAXIMUM] amount payable.

27 * Sec. 2. AS 47.25.640 is amended to read:

28 Sec. 47.25.640. AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE. The department shall
29 determine the amount of assistance granted for a needy blind person

1 with due regard to the resources and needs of the person and the
2 conditions existing in each case. Assistance shall be sufficient to
3 provide the applicant with reasonable subsistence compatible with
4 decency and health, and according to the standards of assistance
5 established by the department and with the standards established under
6 Title XVI of the Social Security Act. When benefit amounts under
7 Title II or Title XVI of the Social Security Act are increased as a
8 result of an increase in the cost of living, the state shall pass along
9 the increase to recipients, and shall increase the amount of the state
10 contribution to recipients by a percentage of the state contribution
11 equal to the percentage increase in the benefit amounts under Title II
12 or Title XVI. [HOWEVER, ASSISTANCE MAY NOT EXCEED \$250 A CALENDAR
13 MONTH.] Direct payments for medical services and remedial care may not
14 be considered in determining the [MAXIMUM] amount payable.

15 * Sec. 3. AS 47.25.810 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 47.25.810. AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE. The amount of assistance
17 for a permanently and totally disabled person shall be determined by the
18 department with regard to the resources and needs of the person and the
19 conditions existing in each case. Where possible, assistance shall be
20 sufficient to provide reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and
21 health and according to the standards of assistance established by the
22 department and with the standards established under Title XVI of the
23 Social Security Act. When benefit amounts under Title II or Title XVI
24 of the Social Security Act are increased as a result of an increase in
25 the cost of living, the state shall pass along the increase to recipi-
26 ents, and shall increase the amount of the state contribution to recipi-
27 ents by a percentage of the state contribution equal to the percentage
28 increase in the benefit amounts under Title II or Title XVI. [HOWEVER,
29 THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE MAY NOT EXCEED \$250 A CALENDAR MONTH.]

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* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect July 1, 1975.

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