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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 393 (Finance)

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 XVI of the
19 Social Security Act are increased as a result of an increase in the cost
20 of living, the state shall pass along the increase to recipients, and
21 shall increase the amount of the state contribution to recipients by a
22 percentage of the state contribution equal to the percentage increase in
23 the benefit amounts under Title XVI [, BUT MAY IN NO CASE EXCEED \$250 A
24 CALENDAR MONTH]. Direct payments for medical services and remedial care
25 may not be considered in determining the maximum amount payable.

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

27 Sec. 47.25.640. AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE. The department shall deter-
28 mine the amount of assistance granted for a needy blind person with due
29 regard to the resources and needs of the person and the conditions

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

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

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

1 * Sec. 4 For purposes of determining the state contribution to recipients
2 under AS 47.25.430(a), 47.25.640, and 47.25.810 as of July 1, 1975, the
3 Department of Health and Social Services shall establish levels of need not
4 exceeding \$300 a month for an individual recipient.

5 * Sec. 5. This Act is retroactive to July 1, 1974.

6 * Sec. 6. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
7 070(c).

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