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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 742

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to benefits for blind and disabled
7 persons."

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

9 * Section 1. Sec. 29.53.020(e) is amended to read:

10 (e) After January 1, 1973 the real property owned and occupied
11 as a permanent place of abode by a resident 65 years of age or over,
12 a blind person or a disabled person is exempt from taxation of the
13 assessed value of the real property. Only one exemption may be granted
14 with respect to the same property and, if two or more persons are eligi-
15 ble for an exemption with respect to the same property, the parties
16 shall decide between or among themselves which shall receive the benefit
17 of the exemption. No real property may be exempted under this subsec-
18 tion which the assessor determines, after notice and hearing to the
19 parties concerned, has been conveyed to the applicant primarily for the
20 purpose of obtaining the exemption. The determination of the assessor
21 is appealable under AS 44.62.560 - 44.62.570.

22 * Sec. 2. Sec. 29.78.010 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

23 (18) "disabled" means a person who presents written proof, in
24 the form of an affidavit signed by a physician licensed to practice in
25 this state, that he is 70 per cent medically handicapped;

26 (19) "blind" means a person who has no vision or whose vision
27 is so defective as to prevent the performance of ordinary activities
28 for which eyesight is essential.

29 * Sec. 3. AS 16.05.400 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

1 (c) A sport fishing, hunting or trapping license is not required
2 of a resident who is disabled, as long as he remains a resident.

3 * Sec. 4. AS 16.05.940 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

4 (26) "disabled" means a person who presents written proof, in
5 the form of an affidavit signed by a physician licensed to practice in
6 this state, that he is 70 per cent medically handicapped.

7 * Sec. 5. AS 14.40 is amended by adding new sections to read:

8 Sec. 14.40.055. BLIND AND DISABLED EXEMPTION FROM TUITION AND
9 FEES. A person who is a resident of the state and is blind or disabled,
10 and who applies for enrollment or who is enrolled in the University of
11 Alaska is exempt from tuition or course fees imposed by the university.
12 This exemption does not apply to charges for specialized classroom
13 supplies, individual lessons or services, room and board or student
14 activities.

15 Sec. 14.40.119. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

16 (1) "blind" means a person who has no vision or whose vision
17 is so defective as to prevent the performance of ordinary activities
18 for which eyesight is essential;

19 (2) "disabled" means a person who presents written proof,
20 in the form of an affidavit signed by a physician licensed to practice
21 in this state, that he is 70 per cent medically handicapped.