

Introduced: 3/29/76  
Referred: Community & Regional  
Affairs and Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE COMMUNITY AND  
REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS HOUSE BILL NO. 883

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 the establishment of group homes."

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

8 \* Section 1. AS 44.47 is amended by adding new sections to read:

9 ARTICLE 8. GROUP HOMES IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

10 Sec. 44.47.320. AUTHORIZATION TO LEASE. The department is autho-  
11 rized to lease a building, structure, or other facility suitable for use  
12 as a group home, whether or not that building, structure, or other  
13 facility is constructed before the lease is executed. A lease for a  
14 building, structure, or other facility to be built after the execution  
15 of the lease agreement shall be for a term and amount sufficient to  
16 permit the lessor to recover the costs of construction of the structure,  
17 building, or other facility. The performance by the department of  
18 leases executed under this section is conditioned on the approval by the  
19 legislature of the lease within 10 days of the time the legislature  
20 convenes.

21 Sec. 44.47.330. AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT FOR MAINTENANCE. The  
22 department is authorized to contract with persons in the community where  
23 the group home is located for the operation and maintenance of the group  
24 home in a manner which protects the health and safety of the residents.

25 Sec. 44.47.340. LOCATION OF GROUP HOMES. A group home established  
26 under authority of secs. 320 - 400 of this chapter shall be located  
27 where eligible persons are able to reside in familiar surroundings or in  
28 close proximity to family and friends.

29 Sec. 44.47.350. RESIDENT HEALTH PERSONNEL. For the purpose of

1 providing the residents of a group home established under secs. 320 -  
2 400 of this chapter ready access to health personnel, the department  
3 shall reserve living quarters in each group home for the use of a health  
4 professional or paraprofessional, and the department shall fix the rent  
5 for those quarters in a manner to ensure the continuous residence of a  
6 health professional or paraprofessional in the home.

7 Sec. 44.47.360. ELIGIBILITY. Any person is eligible to reside at  
8 a group home established under authority of secs. 320 - 400 of this  
9 chapter, except that persons eligible to receive assistance under  
10 AS 47.25.430 - 47.25.610, 47.25.620 - 47.25.780, or 47.25.790 - 47.25.-  
11 970 shall be accorded priority in admissions.

12 Sec. 44.47.370. FEES. The department shall collect fees for  
13 housing provided in a group home established under secs. 320 - 400 of  
14 this chapter according to a schedule based on analysis of reasonable  
15 ability to pay, and provide that no person is refused services because  
16 of inability to pay for those services.

17 Sec. 44.47.380. REGULATIONS. The department may adopt regulations  
18 in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62) to carry  
19 out the purposes of this chapter.

20 Sec. 44.47.390. DELIVERY OF SOCIAL SERVICES. The Department of  
21 Health and Social Services shall coordinate the delivery of services to  
22 the residents of a group home established under secs. 320 - 400 of this  
23 chapter.

24 Sec. 44.47.400. DEFINITIONS. In secs. 320 - 400 of this chapter,

25 (1) "department" means the Department of Community and  
26 Regional Affairs;

27 (2) "group home" means an establishment providing living  
28 quarters for four or more adults which is noncontiguous to another  
29 institution and stresses normal family living.