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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE COMMUNITY AND
REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR 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 cottage 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. COTTAGE HOMES.

10 Sec. 44.47.320. POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The department shall

11 (1) subsidize the housing of eligible persons in cottage
12 homes with funds appropriated for that purpose in accordance with the
13 provisions of secs. 320 - 370 of this chapter;

14 (2) establish procedures whereby the eligibility of persons
15 receiving subsidies under secs. 320 - 370 of this chapter is periodi-
16 cally reviewed.

17 (b) The department may

18 (1) adopt regulations necessary to carry out the provisions
19 of this chapter;

20 (2) contract with local agencies to perform its duties under
21 secs. 320 - 370 of this chapter.

22 Sec. 44.47.330. ELIGIBILITY. A person residing in a cottage home
23 is eligible to receive a subsidy under secs. 320 - 370 of this chapter
24 if that person is eligible to receive assistance under AS 47.25.430 -
25 47.25.610, 47.25.620 - 47.25.780, or 47.25.790 - 47.25.970 or, alter-
26 natively, if that person is over age 65.

27 Sec. 44.47.340. AMOUNT OF SUBSIDY. A subsidy made to a person
28 under secs. 320 - 370 of this chapter is calculated by subtracting the
29 amount which the department determines the person can contribute to his

1 housing, based upon an analysis of that person's reasonable ability to
2 pay, from an amount which the department determines is the reasonable
3 cost of housing in the locality in which the cottage home is located,
4 taking into account cost-of-living information developed in accordance
5 with AS 39.27.030 and otherwise.

6 Sec. 44.47.350. METHOD OF PAYMENT. A subsidy made under secs.
7 320 - 370 of this chapter shall be made directly to a person residing
8 in a cottage home for expenditure as that person determines appropriate,
9 except that if the person consents, the department may remit payments
10 directly to a cottage home in the person's behalf.

11 Sec. 44.47.360. RESIDENT HEALTH PERSONNEL; PRIORITY OF ADMISSIONS.

12 (a) A cottage home that houses persons receiving subsidies under secs.
13 320 - 370 of this chapter may reserve living quarters in the home for
14 the use of a health professional or paraprofessional and fix the rent
15 for those quarters in a manner to encourage the continuous residence of
16 a health professional or paraprofessional in the home, in order to pro-
17 vide the persons residing in the home ready access to health personnel.

18 (b) A cottage home that houses persons receiving subsidies under
19 secs. 320 - 370 of this chapter shall accord persons eligible to receive
20 assistance under AS 47.25.430 - 47.25.610, 47.25.620 - 47.25.780, or
21 47.25.790 - 47.25.970 priority in admission to the home.

22 Sec. 44.47.370. DEFINITIONS. In secs. 320 - 370 of this chapter,

23 (1) "cottage home" means an establishment noncontiguous to
24 another institution which provides living quarters for four or more
25 persons and in which the residents share common food preparation, sani-
26 tation, dining, and recreation facilities and provide among themselves
27 for the purchase and preparation of food and for housekeeping necessary
28 to maintain the home in a safe and sanitary condition;

29 (2) "department" means the Department of Community and

Regional Affairs.

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