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1 IN THE SENATE

2 CS SS SENATE BILL NO. 196

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Commission on Aging."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 47 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

9 CHAPTER 65. COMMISSION ON AGING.

10 Sec. 47.65.010. COMMISSION ON AGING. There is established within
11 the Department of Health and Social Services the Commission on Aging.

12 Sec. 47.65.020. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMISSION AND TERM OF OFFICE. (a)
13 The commission consists of 11 voting members.

14 (b) Nine members are appointed by the governor to serve staggered
15 terms of three years or until their successors are appointed, except
16 that a member appointed to an unexpired term serves the duration of that
17 term. On the first commission to be appointed, three members serve one-
18 year terms, three members serve two-year terms, and three members serve
19 three-year terms. The other two members are the chairpersons of the
20 senate and house committees on health and social services. These two
21 members are to serve on the commission as long as they remain chair-
22 persons of their respective committees.

23 (c) A member may not serve or be compensated by the state except
24 as a member of the commission.

25 (d) A chairperson shall be elected from the membership to serve a
26 term of one year.

27 Sec. 47.65.030. MEETINGS; QUORUM. The commission shall meet a
28 minimum of twice a year. The chairperson may call additional meetings
29 when necessary. Five members constitute a quorum.

1 Sec. 47.65.040. COMPENSATION OF COMMISSION MEMBERS. Members
2 receive \$35 per diem when engaged in duties under this chapter. In
3 addition, members receive travel expenses as authorized by law.

4 Sec. 47.65.050. DIRECTOR AND STAFF OF THE COMMISSION. (a) The
5 principal executive officer of the commission is the director of the
6 Commission on Aging. The director is appointed by the governor as a
7 partially exempt employee and serves at the direction of the commis-
8 sioner of the Department of Health and Social Services for the imple-
9 mentation of programs for the aging adopted under this chapter. All
10 programs for the aging are subject to review by the commission.

11 (b) The director shall employ, within the funds appropriated to
12 the commission, personnel, including technical advisors and clerical
13 staff, to assist him in the efficient performance of his duties.

14 Sec. 47.65.060. POWERS OF THE COMMISSION. (a) The commission
15 shall

16 (1) monitor the performance of the Office of Aging;

17 (2) coordinate and evaluate all state programs concerned with
18 the problems and needs of the aging, including those dealing with
19 education, employment, health, welfare, and recreation;

20 (3) administer all federal programs relating to the aging
21 which require state action and are not specifically intrusted to another
22 state agency;

23 (4) implement new programs and changes in existing programs
24 for the benefit of the aging;

25 (5) assist private organizations serving the aging;

26 (6) conduct hearings and studies for public input on the
27 problems facing the aging and the means to best serve the needs of the
28 aging;

29 (7) conduct training seminars for persons working with aging

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(b) The commission may aid cities and boroughs by assisting in establishing local commissions to deal with the problems of the aging. The respective cities and boroughs are to provide the compensation allowed the members of their own local commissions.

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