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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR 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 to replace the
7 Office on Aging; and establishing the Governor's
8 Advisory Committee on Aging."

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

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

11 CHAPTER 65. COMMISSION ON AGING.

12 Sec. 47.65.010. COMMISSION ON AGING. There is created within
13 the Office of the Governor the Commission on Aging which shall replace
14 the Office on Aging, Department of Health and Social Services.

15 Sec. 47.65.020. DIRECTOR AND STAFF OF THE COMMISSION. (a) The
16 principal executive officer of the commission is the director of the
17 Commission on Aging. The director is appointed by the governor as a
18 partially exempt employee and serves at the pleasure and direction of
19 the governor, and with the advice of the Governor's Advisory Committee
20 on Aging, for the implementation of programs for the benefit of aging
21 persons in the state.

22 (b) The director shall employ, within the funds appropriated to
23 the commission, staff necessary to assist him in the performance of his
24 duties.

25 Sec. 47.65.030. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION. (a) The
26 commission shall

27 (1) coordinate and evaluate state programs concerned with the
28 problems and the needs of the aging, including but not limited to those
29 dealing with education, employment, health, welfare, and recreation;

1 (2) administer federal programs relating to the aging re-
2 quiring state action which are not specifically intrusted to another
3 state agency;

4 (3) implement new programs and changes in existing programs
5 for the benefit of the aging in the state;

6 (4) assist private organizations serving the aging;

7 (5) conduct hearings and studies for public input on the
8 problems facing the aging and the means to best serve their needs;

9 (6) conduct training seminars for persons working with the
10 aging;

11 (7) help aging Alaskans lead dignified, independent, and
12 useful lives, particularly aging persons with low incomes, members of
13 minority groups, and those who are physically or mentally handicapped;

14 (8) provide administrative support as needed by the Governor's
15 Advisory Committee on Aging.

16 (b) The commission may aid cities and boroughs by assisting in
17 establishing local commissions to deal with the problems of the aging;
18 however, the respective cities and boroughs must contribute the funds
19 for establishment of local commissions.

20 (c) The commission has no powers or duties with respect to the
21 Pioneer Homes and the longevity bonus programs.

22 Sec. 47.65.040. GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGING. (a)
23 There is established the Governor's Advisory Committee on Aging, con-
24 sisting of 11 members.

25 (b) Nine members are appointed by the governor and serve at the
26 pleasure of the governor. They shall bring to the committee diverse and
27 wide-ranging backgrounds and approaches to the problems of aging persons
28 in Alaska. At least six shall be actual consumers of services provided
29 under this chapter, including low-income and minority persons at least

1 in proportion to the number of low-income and minority older persons in
2 the state. The remaining three shall be broadly representative of the
3 major public and private agencies and organizations in the state who are
4 experienced in or have demonstrated particular interest in the special
5 needs of the aging. These members serve staggered terms of three years
6 or until their successors are appointed, except that a member appointed
7 to an unexpired term serves the duration of that term. On the first
8 committee three members serve one-year terms, three members serve two-
9 year terms, and three members serve three-year terms.

10 (c) The two remaining members are the chairpersons of the senate
11 and house committees on health, education and social services, who serve
12 as long as they are chairpersons of these committees.

13 (d) A chairperson and vice-chairperson of the committee shall be
14 elected from the membership to serve terms of one year. The vice-
15 chairperson serves as chairperson in the absence of the chairperson.

16 Sec. 47.65.050. COMMITTEE MEETINGS; QUORUM. The committee meets
17 at least four times a year; the chairperson of the committee working in
18 conjunction with the director shall schedule the meetings and may call
19 additional meetings when necessary. Six voting members constitute a
20 quorum. The director of the Commission on Aging shall attend committee
21 meetings, but may not vote.

22 Sec. 47.65.060. COMPENSATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS. (a) Committee
23 members receive no compensation for service on the committee; however,
24 members are entitled to travel expenses and per diem authorized by law.

25 Sec. 47.65.070. DUTIES OF COMMITTEE. The committee shall serve in
26 an advisory capacity for the Commission on Aging.

27 Sec. 47.65.080. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter, unless the context
28 indicates otherwise,

29 (1) "commission" means the Commission on Aging;

1 (2) "committee" means the Governor's Advisory Committee on
2 Aging; and

3 (3) "director" means the director of the Commission on Aging.
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