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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 219

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to assistance to the aged, blind,
7 and disabled; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 47.25.430(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) Financial assistance shall be given under secs. 430 - 610 of
11 this chapter, so far as practicable under the conditions in the state,
12 to every aged, needy resident of the state who has attained the age
13 of 65 years, who has not made a voluntary assignment or transfer of
14 property to qualify for assistance. Assistance shall be in an amount
15 which will provide the applicant with reasonable subsistence compatible
16 with decency and health in accordance with standards established by
17 the department and with the standards established under Title XVI of
18 the Social Security Act. When benefit amounts under Title XVI of the
19 Social Security Act are increased as a result of an increase in the cost
20 of living, the stateshall pass along the increase to recipients, and
21 shall increase the amount of the state contribution to recipients by a
22 percentage of the state contribution equal to the percentage increase in
23 the benefit amounts under Title XVI [, BUT MAY IN NO CASE EXCEED \$250 A
24 CALENDAR MONTH]. Direct payments for medical services and remedial care
25 may not be considered in determining the maximum amount payable.

26 * Sec. 2. AS 47.25.640 is amended to read:

27 Sec. 47.25.640. AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE. The department shall deter-
28 mine the amount of assistance granted for a needy blind person with due
29 regard to the resources and needs of the person and the conditions

1 existing in each case. Assistance shall be sufficient to provide the
2 applicant with reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health
3 and according to the standards of assistance established by the depart-
4 ment and with the standards established under Title XVI of the Social
5 Security Act. When benefit amounts under Title XVI of the Social
6 Security Act are increased as a result of an increase in the cost of
7 living, the state shall pass along the increase to recipients, and shall
8 increase the amount of the state contribution to recipients by a per-
9 centage of the state contribution equal to the percentage increase in
10 the benefit amounts under Title XVI. [HOWEVER, ASSISTANCE MAY NOT
11 EXCEED \$250 A CALENDAR MONTH.] Direct payments for medical services and
12 remedial care may not be considered in determining the maximum amount
13 payable.

14 * Sec. 3. AS 47.25.810 is amended to read:

15 Sec. 47.25.810. AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE. The amount of assistance
16 for a permanently and totally disabled person shall be determined by the
17 department with regard to the resources and needs of the person and the
18 conditions existing in each case. Where possible, assistance shall be
19 sufficient to provide reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and
20 health and according to the standards of assistance established by the
21 department and with the standards established under Title XVI of the
22 Social Security Act. When benefit amounts under Title XVI of the Social
23 Security Act are increased as a result of an increase in the cost of
24 living, the state shall pass along the increase to recipients, and shall
25 increase the amount of the state contribution to recipients by a per-
26 centage of the state contribution equal to the percentage increase in
27 the benefit amounts under Title XVI. [HOWEVER; THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE
28 MAY NOT EXCEED \$250 A CALENDAR MONTH.] Direct payments for medical
29 services and remedial care may not be considered in determining the

1 maximum amount payable.

2 * Sec. 4. For purposes of determining the state contribution to recipi-
3 ents under AS 47.25.430(a), 47.25.640, and 47.25.810 as of July 1, 1975, the
4 Department of Health and Social Services shall establish levels of need not
5 exceeding \$300 a month for an individual recipient.

6 * Sec. 5. This Act is retroactive to July 1, 1974.

7 * Sec. 6. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.
8 070(c).

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