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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 59 *am*

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to handicapped individuals; and
7 providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 23.15.060(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) The board acting through the division of vocational rehabili-
11 tation may enter into necessary agreements on behalf of the state with
12 the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare to carry out the pro-
13 visions of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, and as it is
14 subsequently amended, relating to the making of determinations of
15 disability under Title II and Title XVI of that Act.

16 * Sec. 2. AS 23.15.080(b) is repealed and re-enacted to read:

17 (b) In determining the types and extent of vocational rehabilita-
18 tion services to be provided to a handicapped individual, the division
19 shall take into consideration any similar benefits which may be avail-
20 able to the individual under other programs. However, the division
21 need not take other benefits into consideration when doing so would
22 significantly delay the provision of needed services to the handicapped
23 individual or when they are for:

24 (1) diagnostic and related services (including transportation
25 and subsistence in connection with those services);

26 (2) counseling, guidance, and referral;

27 (3) training, including personal and vocational adjustment
28 training, and necessary training materials;

29 (4) services to members of families of handicapped indivi-

1 duals;

2 (5) job placement; and

3 (6) services necessary to assist handicapped individuals to
4 maintain suitable employment.

5 * Sec. 3. AS 23.15.210(4) is amended to read:

6 (4) "handicapped individual" means an individual having
7 [UNDER] a physical or mental disability which for that individual
8 constitutes or results in a substantial handicap to employment and who
9 can [,BUT WHICH IS OF SUCH A NATURE THAT VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
10 SERVICES MAY] reasonably be expected to benefit in terms of employ-
11 ability from the provision of vocational rehabilitation services
12 [RENDER HIM FIT TO ENGAGE IN A REMUNERATIVE OCCUPATION];

13 * Sec. 4. AS 23.15.210(5) is amended to read:

14 (5) "individual having [WHO IS UNDER] a physical or mental
15 disability" means an individual who has a physical or mental condition
16 which materially limits, contributes to limiting or, if not corrected,
17 will probably result in limiting his activities or functioning;

18 * Sec. 5. AS 23.15.210(6) is amended to read:

19 (6) "vocational rehabilitation service" means goods and
20 services, including diagnostic and related services, necessary to
21 enable [RENDER] a handicapped individual [FIT] to engage in gainful
22 employment [A REMUNERATIVE OCCUPATION];

23 * Sec. 6. AS 23.15.210(7) is amended to read:

24 (7) "workshop" means a rehabilitation facility engaged in a
25 production or service operation [PLACE WHERE MANUFACTURE OR HANDIWORK
26 IS CARRIED ON, AND] which is operated for the primary purpose of pro-
27 viding gainful [REMNERATIVE] employment or professional services to
28 the handicapped [TO SEVERELY HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS (A)] as an interim
29 step in the rehabilitation process for those who cannot readily be

1 absorbed in the competitive labor market or [(B)] during times [A
2 TIME] when employment opportunities for them in the competitive labor
3 market do not exist.

4 * Sec 7. AS 23.15.270 is amended to read:

5 ARTICLE 2. GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT
6 OF [PHYSICALLY] HANDICAPPED

7 Sec. 23.15.270. COOPERATION WITH OTHER COMMITTEES AND AGENCIES.

8 The committee shall work in close cooperation with local committees
9 and with the President's Committee on Employment of the [PHYSICALLY]
10 Handicapped to carry out the purpose of secs. 220 - 320 of this chapter
11 more effectively, and with state and federal agencies having responsi-
12 bilities for employment and rehabilitation of the handicapped.

13 * Sec. 8. AS 23.15.290 is amended to read:

14 Sec. 23.15.290. EMPLOY THE [PHYSICALLY] HANDICAPPED WEEK. Each
15 year the governor shall issue a proclamation designating the first
16 full week in May [OCTOBER] as Alaska [NATIONAL] Employ the [PHYSICALLY]
17 Handicapped Week. During this week, appropriate ceremonies shall be
18 held throughout the state for the purpose of enlisting public support
19 for, and interest in the employment of, the [PHYSICALLY] handicapped.
20 The mayors of cities, and heads of government instrumentalities, and
21 leaders of industry and business, educational and religious groups,
22 labor, veterans, women, farm, scientific and professional, and all
23 other interested organizations and individuals shall be invited to
24 participate.

25 * Sec. 9. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
26 070(c).