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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 AS 23.15.080(b) is repealed and re-enacted to read: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 will not take other benefits into consideration when doing so would  
22 significantly delay the provision of needed services to the handicapped  
23 individual. The division need not take other benefits into consideration  
24 when they are for:

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

27 (2) counseling, guidance, and referral;

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

1 (4) services to members of families of handicapped indivi-  
2 duals;

3 (5) job placement; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (7) "workshop" means a rehabilitation facility engaged in a  
26 production or service operation [PLACE WHERE MANUFACTURE OR HANDIWORK  
27 IS CARRIED ON, AND] which is operated for the primary purpose of pro-  
28 viding gainful [REMUNERATIVE] employment or professional services to  
29 the handicapped [TO SEVERELY HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS (A)] as an interim

1 step in the rehabilitation process for those who cannot readily be  
2 absorbed in the competitive labor market or [(B)] during times [A  
3 TIME] when employment opportunities for them in the competitive labor  
4 market do not exist.

5 \* Sec 7. AS 23.15.270 is amended to read:

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

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

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

14 \* Sec. 8. AS 23.15.290 is amended to read:

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

26 \* Sec. 9. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS  
27 01.10.070(c).  
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