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HOUSE BILL NO. 15

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Alaska longevity bonus."

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

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\* Section 1. AS 47.45.010(a) is amended to read:

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(a) A person who is 65 years of age or over, who was domiciled in the territory on or before January 3, 1959 and who has maintained a continuous domicile in the territory or state for 25 years or has intermittently maintained a domicile in the territory or state for a cumulative total of 30 years, may apply to the commissioner of administration for qualification to receive a monthly bonus of \$150.

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\* Sec. 2. AS 47.45.010 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

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(d) For the purposes of (a) of this section, a person has intermittently maintained a domicile in the territory or state only if he has been physically present in the state for five years immediately preceding his application and if the periods cumulating 30 years are 12 months or more in length.

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\* Sec. 3. AS 47.45.170 is amended to read:

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Sec. 47.45.170. PURPOSE. The sole purpose of this chapter is to offer and provide all law-abiding Alaskans capable of managing their own affairs who have maintained a domicile in the state for at least 25 years continuously or 30 years intermittently and have reached a retirement age of 65, an incentive to continue uninterrupted residency in the state. Under no circumstances shall this chapter be considered a form, type, or manner, of public relief. Bonuses made under this chapter are not predicated on need even though they may appear to provide supple-

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1 mental income to some qualified persons who would otherwise be forced to  
2 become responsibilities of the state. The legislature further finds and  
3 states that this legislation recognizes the economic hardships suffered  
4 by many elderly Alaskans, Alaskans who through their tenacity and per-  
5 severance molded Alaska as we know it through skillful application of  
6 their talents. These pioneers are the same Alaskans, who in the prime  
7 of their life were in effect treated as second-class citizens by the  
8 federal government and who paid much of their hard-earned income to a  
9 government in which they did not have the right to participate through  
10 the power of the ballot. The legislature also is aware of the fact that  
11 many of these pioneers have been forced to live out their retirement  
12 years in areas far away from the land they loved and nurtured and there-  
13 by also suffering, in many cases, the loss of familial relationship with  
14 their own kin, an experience that is sad and frustrating to them as well  
15 as depriving new generations of Alaskans of the benefits of their wisdom  
16 and experience. This legislation hopefully will provide our pioneers  
17 with the economic means to remain in and continue to serve their state  
18 and to enjoy the opportunity of aiding the new Alaskan in making this  
19 state truly "The Great Land."

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