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Offered: 2/26/79
Referred: Rules

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 66

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing an exemption for senior citizens from
7 payment for land leased from the state."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 38.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 38.05.098. SENIOR CITIZENS EXEMPTION. (a) The real property
11 occupied as a permanent place of abode by a resident 65 years of age or
12 over and leased by that resident from the state in accordance with AS
13 38.05.070 - 38.05.105 is exempt from the payment of an annual lease
14 rent. Only one exemption may be granted with respect to the same pro-
15 perty and, if two or more persons are eligible for an exemption with
16 respect to the same property, the parties shall decide between or among
17 themselves which shall receive the benefit of the exemption. No exemp-
18 tion may be granted for any portion of the lease which is used by the
19 leaseholder for any purpose other than his permanent place of abode.

20 (b) No exemption may be granted except upon written application
21 for the exemption on a form provided by the commissioner. The lease-
22 holder must file the application not later than 60 days before the
23 anniversary date of the lease, and shall file a separate application for
24 each lease year for which the exemption is sought. If an application is
25 filed within the required time and is approved by the commissioner, he
26 shall allow a rental exemption for the lease year commencing on the
27 anniversary date in accordance with the provisions of this section. The
28 commissioner may at any time require proof in the form he considers
29 necessary of the right to an exemption claimed under this section.

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(c) The legislature shall annually appropriate from the general fund to a trust fund the amount necessary to reimburse the trust fund for revenue lost to it by the operation of (a) of this section.