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BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST  
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (for the  
Interim Committee on Services for  
the Elderly)

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to expansion of the period  
6 during which older Alaskans may  
7 travel free on the state marine  
8 highway system.

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 WHEREAS, since 1974, in response to House Concurrent Resolution No. 52,  
11 the state marine highway system has provided for travel on ferries by persons  
12 65 years of age and older on a space-available basis within Alaska without  
13 charge during the months of November to April, inclusive; and

14 WHEREAS this service has been used by increasing numbers of older  
15 Alaskans, permitting travel on the marine highway system at no cost while  
16 increasing the number of foot passengers and revenues from ancillary services  
17 on vessels of the system; and

18 WHEREAS the "off-season" travel months for the marine highway system  
19 overlap the free period for senior citizens by one month at each end of the  
20 fare period; and

21 WHEREAS, on the basis of records of passenger service maintained by the  
22 division of marine highways, it appears that the division could accommodate  
23 extension of the free period for older Alaskans by two months, to correspond  
24 to the dates of "off-season" schedules for the ferry system, with little or  
25 no detriment to the services provided all passengers;

26 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests  
27 the Governor to direct the division of marine highways to expand the period  
28 during which older Alaskans may travel on vessels of the marine highway  
29 system without charge from October 1 to the following May 31 annually.