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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 SENATE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40

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.