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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 870

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to public assistance; and providing  
7 for an effective date."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 37.05.180 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a warrant upon the state  
11 treasury for payment of public assistance may not be paid unless it is  
12 presented at the office of the commissioner of revenue within six months  
13 after the date it was issued. A warrant for payment of public assistance  
14 not presented within that time is considered paid.

15 \* Sec. 2. AS 47.05.010(1) is amended to read:

16 (1) administer old age assistance, aid to families with  
17 dependent children, aid to the blind, and all other assistance programs,  
18 investigate known and suspected fraud in those public assistance pro-  
19 grams, and receive and spend funds made available to it;

20 \* Sec. 3. AS 47.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

21 Sec. 47.05.070. SUBROGATION. (a) If the Department of Health and  
22 Social Services provides or pays for medical assistance for injury or  
23 illness under this title, the department is subrogated to the rights of  
24 the recipient of that medical assistance in a claim or cause of action  
25 arising from the injury or illness and to the proceeds of an insurance  
26 policy covering the injury or illness to the extent of the value of the  
27 medical assistance provided.

28 (b) If a recipient of medical assistance under this title obtains  
29 an award or judgment arising from the injury or illness for which the

1 medical assistance was received, the Department of Health and Social  
2 Services shall reimburse the recipient for a percentage of the recip-  
3 ient's attorney fees and costs equal to the percentage of the award or  
4 judgment to which the department is entitled under (a) of this section.

5 \* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-  
6 070(c).