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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5 (Transportation)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to free travel for handi-
6 capped persons on the state marine
7 highway system.

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

9 WHEREAS the recent years of inflation have damaged the financial status
10 of many handicapped persons who rely on federal and state aid programs; and

11 WHEREAS the continuing high rate of unemployment during recent years
12 has made it difficult for handicapped persons to compete in the job market;
13 and

14 WHEREAS disabling handicaps prevent or substantially impede the partic-
15 ipation in and benefit derived from the social, economic, educational,
16 recreational, or other opportunities available in the community to persons
17 without handicaps; and

18 WHEREAS many handicapped persons who would like to see the state are
19 not able to go boating, camping, hiking, or skiing; and

20 WHEREAS many handicapped persons who would like to travel around the
21 state cannot conveniently use all methods of transportation; and

22 WHEREAS during the off-season the state ferries frequently operate at
23 less than full capacity;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
25 the Governor to direct the division of marine highways to initiate a program
26 whereby handicapped persons may travel free on state ferries on a space-
27 available basis between two Alaskan points of embarkation from October 1 to
28 the following May 15 annually; and be it

29 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests

1 the Governor to direct the division of marine highways to minimize inconven-
2 ience to persons applying to travel free under this program and, to accept
3 as documentation of a handicap:

4 (1) a parking permit for a disabled person;

5 (2) a notice or decision of award for social security disability
6 or supplemental security income;

7 (3) a notice of finding of eligibility for aid to the disabled
8 under AS 47.25.790 - 47.25.960 or aid to the blind under AS 47.25.620 -
9 47.25.780;

10 (4) a notice of disability from a public or private retirement
11 program;

12 (5) a copy of the most recently filed federal tax return claiming
13 an exemption for blindness;

14 (6) a vocational rehabilitation certification of eligibility; or

15 (7) a certification of eligibility for special services under
16 AS 14.30.180 - 14.30.350 other than a certification for special services for
17 gifted children or children with learning disabilities.

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