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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
2 FREE CONFERENCE CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5
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 including those who rely on federal and state
11 aid programs; and

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

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

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

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

21 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
22 the Governor to direct the division of marine highways to initiate a program
23 whereby handicapped persons may travel on state ferries for no charge on a
24 space-available basis between two Alaskan points of embarkation from each
25 October 1 to the following May 15; and be it

26 FURTHER RESOLVED that this program should be available to each handi-
27 capped person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially
28 limits one or more major life activities, such as caring for one's self,
29 performing manual tasks, or working; and be it

1 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully
2 requests the Governor to direct the division of marine highways to make a
3 form available to be used in applying for this program which is signed by a
4 doctor licensed to practice and which verifies that the applicant is handi-
5 capped and qualifies to travel on state ferries for no charge under this
6 program.

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