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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 221

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the creation of a program for
7 stranded nonresidents."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 44.23 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 Sec. 44.23.070. STRANDED NONRESIDENTS PROGRAM. (a) The attor-
11 ney general shall establish a program to aid stranded nonresidents.
12 The attorney general shall

13 (1) establish an office staffed by an assistant attorney
14 general;

15 (2) seek out and identify stranded nonresidents who might
16 request assistance and whose immediate departure is in the best inter-
17 ests of the state;

18 (3) screen stranded nonresidents to be sure that they lack
19 the resources to return to Canada or to the United States and that it
20 is in the best interests of the state that they immediately depart;
21 and

22 (4) assign an assistant attorney general to administer the
23 program in cooperation with the Department of Health and Social Ser-
24 vices and the Department of Public Safety, and with other agencies
25 that may be involved with related programs.

26 (b) Before providing aid to a stranded nonresident under this
27 program, the attorney general's office shall obtain the endorsement of
28 a judge, magistrate, or police chief.

29 Sec. 44.23.075. DEFINITIONS. In this Act,

1 (1) "assistance" means the most reasonable and least expen-
2 sive transportation for the stranded nonresident and up to 40 pounds
3 of the person's possessions to a mutually acceptable location in
4 Canada or the United States;

5 (2) "endorsement" means the written recommendation and
6 approval by a judge, magistrate, or police chief that the stranded
7 nonresident is eligible for assistance under this Act.

8 (3) "resources" means money or items of value that might be
9 sold in order to enable the person to leave Alaska.

10 (4) "stranded nonresident" means a person who requests
11 assistance in leaving Alaska and who lacks the personal resources, and
12 is unable to obtain the resources from other sources, to return to
13 Canada or to the United States.