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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 221(Finance) am (failed H)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 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) identify stranded nonresidents who might request assist-
16 ance and whose immediate departure is in the best interests of the
17 state;

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

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

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

28 Sec. 44.23.071. REPAYMENT. The direct costs incurred in provid-
29 ing assistance to a person under AS 44.23.070 are a debt of the person

1 to the state. Sec. 44.23.075. DEFINITIONS. In this Act,

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

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

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

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