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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 318

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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 public assistance programs; and
7 providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 47.25.320(a)(1) and (2) are amended to read:

10 (1) dependent child living with nonneedy relative: for a
11 child under age 18 who is living in the home of a nonneedy relative,
12 \$268 [200] plus an additional \$268 [200] for the second child, and
13 \$107 [65] a child for the third and each additional child;

14 (2) dependent child living with parent:

15 (A) for a parent and one child under 18, a maximum of
16 \$657 [500];

17 (B) (repealed)

18 (C) for each additional child under age 18, \$107 [65]
19 a month per child;

20 * Sec. 2. AS 47.25.430(b) is amended to read:

21 (b) The department shall determine the amount of assistance with
22 regard to the resources and needs of the person and the conditions
23 existing in each case. Assistance shall be in an amount that will
24 provide the applicant with reasonable subsistence compatible with
25 decency and health in accordance with standards established by the
26 department and with the standards established under Title XVI of the
27 Social Security Act. [WHEN BENEFIT AMOUNTS UNDER TITLE XVI OF THE
28 SOCIAL SECURITY ACT ARE INCREASED AS A RESULT OF AN INCREASE IN THE
29 COST OF LIVING, THE STATE SHALL PASS ALONG THE INCREASE TO RECIPIENTS,

1 AND SHALL INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE STATE CONTRIBUTION TO RECIPIENTS
2 BY A PERCENTAGE OF THE STATE CONTRIBUTION EQUAL TO THE PERCENTAGE
3 INCREASE IN THE BENEFIT AMOUNTS UNDER TITLE XVI.] Direct payments for
4 medical services and remedial care may not be considered in determin-
5 ing the maximum amount payable. However, the amount of assistance may
6 not exceed \$576 a month for an aged, blind, or disabled individual who
7 is living independently.

8 * Sec. 3. AS 47.25.430 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

9 (e) When benefit amounts under Title XVI of the Social Security
10 Act are increased as a result of an increase in the cost of living,
11 the department shall increase the monetary maximum in (b) of this
12 section by a percentage equal to the percentage increase in benefits
13 under Title XVI.

14 * Sec. 4. AS 47.25 is amended by adding new sections to read:

15 ARTICLE 5. ENERGY ASSISTANCE [AID TO THE BLIND].

16 Sec. 47.25.625. ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. The department shall
17 administer the low-income energy home assistance program established
18 by P.L. 96-223, as amended by P.L. 97-35 (42 U.S.C. secs. 8621 --
19 8629).

20 Sec. 47.25.635. ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS.

21 (a) In addition to payments of federal funds, made under AS 47.25.-
22 625, the department may supplement the total amount of the credit or
23 payment made to an eligible low-income household not eligible for
24 public assistance under AS 47.25.310 -- 47.25.420 or AS 47.25.430 --
25 47.25.615.

26 (b) The amount of the supplemental payment made under (a) of
27 this section may not exceed \$360 per household per year.

28 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect upon the effective date of a version
29 of an Act entitled "An Act relating to the determination and disposition of

1 Alaska permanent fund income; and providing for an effective date."