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1 IN THE HOUSE
2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 503
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Alaska Pioneers' Home."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 47.25.020(b) is amended to read:

9 (b) Every person admitted to the Pioneers' Home, except a person
10 admitted under AS 47.25.030, who receives income from any source in
11 excess of \$100 per [\$35 A] month may be required by the Department of
12 Administration to pay the excess to the Department of Administration
13 immediately upon receipt of the money in payment, or part payment, of
14 the cost of the person's [HIS] maintenance.

15 * Sec. 2. AS 47.25.020(c) is amended to read:

16 (c) At the end of each month the payments made under (b) of this
17 section shall be transmitted to the commissioner of revenue together
18 with the names of the persons making them and the amount paid by each.
19 The Department of Administration may pay [THE SUM OF \$35 A MONTH] to a
20 resident without funds the sum of \$100 per month.

21 * Sec. 3. AS 47.25.030 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

22 (b) The Department of Administration shall adopt regulations
23 establishing a daily or monthly rate for the compensation a resident
24 is to be charged under (a) of this section. The commissioner of
25 administration shall review the rate each year.

26 (c) The Department of Administration shall provide to all resi-
27 dents of the Alaska Pioneers' Home written notice of any proposed
28 increase in the rate charged for care and support of persons at the
29 home. Notice under this section shall be given not less than 60 days

1 before an increase is adopted. The notice shall include the time,
2 date, and place of a hearing to be held by the Department of Adminis-
3 tration under (d) of this section.

4 (d) Not less than 30 days before a proposed rate increase is
5 adopted, the Department of Administration shall conduct a hearing at
6 which interested persons shall be given the opportunity to submit
7 written or oral testimony, statements, arguments or contentions relat-
8 ing to the proposed rate increase. The department shall consider all
9 relevant matter presented to it before adopting a rate increase.

10 * Sec. 4. AS 47.25.070 is repealed and reenacted to read:

11 Sec. 47.25.070. INDEBTEDNESS OF BENEFICIARY TO STATE. (a) The
12 following expenses incurred for a person under AS 47.25.010 - 47.25.-
13 110 are a debt to the state and may be recovered during the life of
14 the beneficiary:

15 (1) costs of standard or nursing care provided each month
16 to the beneficiary in the Pioneers' Home not exceeding the rate estab-
17 lished by the Department of Administration under AS 47.25.030, with
18 credit given for any amounts paid by or collected from the benefi-
19 ciary;

20 (2) allowances paid under AS 47.25.020(c);

21 (3) costs of hospitalization and medical treatment provided
22 outside the Pioneers' Home;

23 (4) arrearages in fees for television and telephone ser-
24 vices provided in the Pioneers' Home;

25 (5) prescription medicine; and

26 (6) burial and related expenses.

27 (b) The debt is a first, prior and preferred claim against the
28 estate of the beneficiary after the beneficiary's death, and after all
29 claims for food, clothing, fuel, shelter, medical aid, or burial

1 expenses are paid. Heirlooms without regard to value are exempt from
2 a claim by the state under this section.

3 (c) Money left in charge of the Department of Administration by
4 a deceased resident of the Pioneers' Home may be used for the burial
5 and funeral expenses of the deceased resident and for the improvement
6 of the burial plot of the Alaska Pioneers' Home.

7 (d) The clothing and other personal effects left by a deceased
8 resident of the home may be used for the benefit of other residents,
9 or may be given to relatives or sold and the proceeds applied in the
10 manner provided for money left by a deceased resident.

11 (e) For purposes of this section, "heirloom" means personal
12 property of sentimental value to a beneficiary that has been in the
13 possession of the beneficiary's family for 10 years or more or was a
14 gift to the beneficiary.