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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 503 (State Affairs)

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 Pioneers' Home written notice of any proposed increase in  
28 the rate charged for care and support of persons at the home. Notice  
29 under this section shall be given not less than 60 days before an

1 increase is adopted. The notice shall include the time, date, and  
2 place of a hearing to be held by the Department of Administration  
3 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 PIONEERS' HOME RESIDENT TO  
12 STATE. (a) The following expenses incurred for a pioneers' home  
13 resident under AS 47.25.010 - 47.25.110 and not recoverable from a  
14 collateral source are a debt of the resident to the state and may be  
15 recovered during the life of the resident:

16 (1) costs of standard or nursing care provided in the  
17 Pioneers' Home each month to the resident not exceeding the rate  
18 established by the Department of Administration under AS 47.25.030,  
19 with credit given for any amounts paid by or collected from the resi-  
20 dent;

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

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

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

26 (5) prescription medicine; and

27 (6) burial and related expenses.

28 (b) The debt is a first, prior and preferred claim against the  
29 estate of the Pioneers' Home resident after the resident's death, and

1 after all claims for food, clothing, fuel, shelter, medical aid, or  
2 burial expenses are paid. Heirlooms without regard to value are  
3 exempt from a claim by the state under this section.

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

8 (d) The clothing and other personal effects left by a deceased  
9 Pioneers' Home resident may be used for the benefit of other resi-  
10 dents, or may be given to relatives or to persons designated by the  
11 resident, or sold and the proceeds applied in the manner provided for  
12 money left by a deceased resident.

13 (e) In this section, "heirloom" means personal property of  
14 sentimental value to a Pioneers' Home resident that has been in the  
15 possession of the resident's family or was a gift to the resident.