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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) am  
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 income, allowances, debts of and  
7 rates charged to residents of the Alaska Pioneers'  
8 Home; and providing for an effective date."  
9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:  
10 \* Section 1. AS 47.25.020(b) is amended to read:  
11 (b) Every person admitted to the Pioneers' Home, except a person  
12 admitted under AS 47.25.030, who receives income from any source in  
13 excess of \$100 per [\$35 A] month may be required by the Department of  
14 Administration to pay the excess to the Department of Administration  
15 immediately upon receipt of the money in payment, or part payment, of  
16 the cost of the person's [HIS] maintenance.  
17 \* Sec. 2. AS 47.25.020(c) is amended to read:  
18 (c) At the end of each month the payments made under (b) of this  
19 section shall be transmitted to the commissioner of revenue together  
20 with the names of the persons making them and the amount paid by each.  
21 The Department of Administration may pay [THE SUM OF \$35 A MONTH] to a  
22 resident without funds the sum of \$100 per month.  
23 \* Sec. 3. AS 47.25.030 is amended by adding new subsections to read:  
24 (b) The Department of Administration shall adopt regulations  
25 establishing a daily or monthly rate for the compensation a resident  
26 is to be charged under (a) of this section. The rate charged need not  
27 fully compensate the state for the cost of care and support. The  
28 commissioner of administration shall review the rate each year.  
29 (c) The Department of Administration shall provide to all

1 residents of the Pioneers' Home written notice of any proposed change  
2 in the rate charged for care and support of persons at the home.  
3 Notice under this section shall be given not less than 60 days before  
4 a change is adopted. The notice shall include the time, date, and  
5 place of a hearing to be held by the Department of Administration  
6 under (d) of this section. The department may not change the rate  
7 charged more than once in a fiscal year.

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

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

15 Sec. 47.25.070. INDEBTEDNESS OF PIONEERS' HOME RESIDENT TO  
16 STATE. (a) The following expenses incurred for a pioneers' home  
17 resident under AS 47.25.010 - 47.25.110 and not recoverable from a  
18 collateral source are a debt of the resident to the state and may be  
19 recovered during the life of the resident:

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

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

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

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

- 1 (5) prescription medicine; and  
2 (6) burial and related expenses.

3 (b) The debt is a first, prior and preferred claim against the  
4 estate of the Pioneers' Home resident after the resident's death, and  
5 after all claims for food, clothing, fuel, shelter, medical aid, or  
6 burial expenses are paid. Heirloom: without regard to value are  
7 exempt from a claim by the state under this section.

8 (c) Money left in charge of the Department of Administration by  
9 a deceased resident of the Pioneers' Home may be used for the burial  
10 and funeral expenses of the resident and for the improvement of the  
11 burial plot of the Pioneers' Home.

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

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

20 \* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-  
21 10.070(c).