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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR SS 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 income, allowances and debts of  
7 and rates charged to residents of the Alaska  
8 Pioneers' 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 this rate not less than  
29 once every two years.

1 (c) The Department of Administration shall provide to all resi-  
2 dents of the Pioneers' Home written notice of any proposed change in  
3 the rate charged for care and support of persons at the home. Notice  
4 under this section shall be given not less than 60 days before a  
5 change is adopted.

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 AS 47.25.070 is repealed and reenacted to read:

7 Sec. 47.25.070. INDEBTEDNESS OF PIONEERS' HOME RESIDENT TO  
8 STATE. (a) The following expenses incurred for a pioneers' home  
9 resident under AS 47.25.010 - 47.25.110 are an indebtedness of the  
10 resident to the state and may be recovered during the life of the  
11 resident:

12 (1) costs of standard or nursing care and support provided  
13 in the Pioneers' Home each month to the resident not exceeding the  
14 rate established by the Department of Administration under  
15 AS 47.25.030, with credit given for any amounts paid by or collected  
16 from the resident;

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

18 (3) arrearages in fees for ancillary charges in the Pio-  
19 neers' Home;

20 (4) prescription medicine; and

21 (5) burial and related expenses.

22 (b) The indebtedness is a first, prior and preferred claim  
23 against the estate of the Pioneers' Home resident after the resident's  
24 death, and after all claims for food, clothing, fuel, shelter, medical  
25 aid, or burial expenses are paid. Heirlooms without regard to value  
26 are exempt from a claim by the state under this section.

27 (c) Money left in the charge of the Department of Administration  
28 by a deceased resident of the Pioneers' Home may be used for the  
29 burial and funeral expenses of the resident and for the improvement of

1 the burial plot of the Pioneers' Home.

2 (d) If the clothing and other personal effects of a deceased  
3 Pioneers' Home resident are not claimed by a person previously  
4 designated by the resident, or by a relative of the resident if no  
5 designee survives, within 60 days after the home notifies the person  
6 or relative of the death of the resident, then the clothing and  
7 effects may be used for the benefit of other residents, or they may be  
8 sold and the proceeds applied in the manner provided for money left by  
9 a deceased resident.

10 (e) For the purposes of this section, "heirloom" means personal  
11 property of sentimental value to a Pioneers' Home resident that has  
12 been in the possession of the resident's family or was a gift from the  
13 resident to the resident's family.

14 \* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-  
15 10.070(c).