

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MALONE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 507

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 longevity bonus program; and  
7 providing for an effective date."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 47.45.010(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) A person who (1) is 65 years of age or over; (2) has an  
11 annual income of less than \$15,000; and (3) is a resident of the state  
12 and has been a resident of the state for not less than one year  
13 immediately preceding the date of application, [, WHO WAS DOMICILED IN  
14 THE TERRITORY ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 3, 1959 AND WHO HAS MAINTAINED A  
15 CONTINUOUS DOMICILE IN THE TERRITORY OR STATE FOR 25 YEARS] may apply  
16 to the commissioner of administration for qualification to receive a  
17 monthly bonus of \$250.

18 \* Sec. 2. AS 47.45.010(c) is amended to read:

19 (c) A person who otherwise qualifies to receive a bonus provided  
20 for in this chapter may continue to do so only as long as that person  
21 [HE] continuously resides [RETAINS A DOMICILE] in the state.

22 \* Sec. 3. AS 47.45.150(2) is repealed and reenacted to read:

23 (2) "resident" means a person who, except for brief inter-  
24 vals, medical treatment, military service, attendance at an education-  
25 al or training institution, or for absences for good cause shown, has  
26 resided in Alaska and who has maintained a domicile in Alaska; in this  
27 paragraph, "domicile" means the true and permanent home of a person  
28 from which that person has no present intention of moving and to which  
29 that person intends to return whenever away.

1 \* Sec. 4. AS 47.45.170 is amended to read:

2           Sec. 47.45.170.   PURPOSE.   The sole purpose of this chapter is  
3   to offer and provide [ALL] law-abiding Alaskans capable of managing  
4   their own affairs who have resided [MAINTAINED A DOMICILE] in the  
5   state for at least one year [25 YEARS] and have reached a retirement  
6   age of 65, an incentive to continue uninterrupted residency in the  
7   state. Under no circumstances shall this chapter be considered a  
8   form, type, or manner, of public relief. [BONUSES MADE UNDER THIS  
9   CHAPTER ARE NOT PREDICATED ON NEED EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY APPEAR TO  
10   PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL INCOME TO SOME QUALIFIED PERSONS WHO WOULD OTHER-  
11   WISE BE FORCED TO BECOME RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE.] The legisla-  
12   ture further finds and states that this legislation recognizes the  
13   economic hardships suffered by many elderly Alaskans, Alaskans who  
14   through their tenacity and perseverance molded Alaska as we know it  
15   through skillful application of their talents. Many of these [THESE]  
16   pioneers are the same Alaskans, who in the prime of their life were in  
17   effect treated as second-class citizens by the federal government and  
18   who paid much of their hard-earned income to a government in which  
19   they did not have the right to participate through the power of the  
20   ballot. The legislature also is aware of the fact that many of these  
21   pioneers have been forced to live out their retirement years in areas  
22   far away from the land they loved and nurtured and thereby also suf-  
23   fering, in many cases, the loss of familial relationship with their  
24   own kin, an experience that is sad and frustrating to them as well as  
25   depriving new generations of Alaskans of the benefits of their wisdom  
26   and experience. This legislation hopefully will provide our pioneers  
27   with the economic means to remain in and continue to serve their state  
28   and to enjoy the opportunity of aiding the new Alaskan in making this  
29   state truly "The Great Land."

1      \* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-  
2 10.070(c).  
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