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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 323 (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 a new subsection 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 this rate not less than once every two  
26 years.

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 AS 47.25.070 is repealed and reenacted to read:

28 Sec. 47.25.070. INDEBTEDNESS OF PIONEERS' HOME RESIDENT TO  
29 STATE. (a) The following expenses incurred for a Pioneers' Home

1 resident under AS 47.25.010 - 47.25.110 are a debt to the state and  
2 may be recovered during the life of the resident:

3 (1) allowances paid under AS 47.25.020(c);

4 (2) costs of standard or nursing care provided in the  
5 Pioneers' Home each month to the resident not exceeding the rate  
6 established by the Department of Administration under AS 47.25.030,  
7 with credit given for any amounts paid by or collected from the  
8 resident;

9 (3) arrearages in fees for television services provided in  
10 the Pioneers' Home;

11 (4) prescription medicine; and

12 (5) burial and related expenses.

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

18 (c) Money left in charge of the Department of Administration by  
19 a deceased Pioneers' Home resident may be used for the burial and  
20 funeral expenses of the resident and for the improvement of the burial  
21 plot of the Pioneers' Home.

22 (d) If the clothing and other personal effects of a deceased  
23 Pioneers' Home resident are not claimed by a person designated by the  
24 resident, or by a relative of the resident if no designee survives,  
25 within 60 days after the home notifies the person or relative of the  
26 death of the resident then the clothing and effects may be used for  
27 the benefit of other residents, or they may be sold and the proceeds  
28 applied in the manner provided for money left by a deceased resident.

29 (e) For purposes of this section, "heirloom" means personal

1 property of sentimental value to a Pioneers' Home resident that has  
2 been in the possession of the resident's family for 10 years or more  
3 or was a gift to the resident.