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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 323 (Finance)

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 is amended by adding a new section to read:

28 Sec. 47.25.045. NOTICE OF RATE INCREASES. The Department of
29 Administration shall provide to all residents of the Alaska Pioneers'

1 Home written notice of any proposed increase in the rate charged for
2 care and support of persons at the home. Notice under this section
3 shall be given not less than 60 days before an increase is adopted.

4 * Sec. 5. AS 47.25.070 is repealed and reenacted to read:

5 Sec. 47.25.070. INDEBTEDNESS OF PIONEERS' HOME RESIDENT TO
6 STATE. (a) The following expenses incurred for a Pioneers' Home
7 resident under AS 47.25.010 - 47.25.110 are a debt to the state and
8 may be recovered during the life of the resident:

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

10 (2) costs of standard or nursing care provided in the
11 Pioneers' Home each month to the resident not exceeding the rate
12 established by the Department of Administration under AS 47.25.030,
13 with credit given for any amounts paid by or collected from the resi-
14 dent;

15 (3) arrearages in fees for ancillary charges in the
16 Pioneers' Home;

17 (4) prescription medicine; and

18 (5) burial and related expenses.

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

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

28 (d) If the clothing and other personal effects of a deceased
29 Pioneers' Home resident are not claimed by a person designated by the

1 resident, or by a relative of the resident if no designee survives,
2 within 60 days after the home notifies the person or relative of the
3 death of the resident then the clothing and effects may be used for
4 the benefit of other residents, or they may be sold and the proceeds
5 applied in the manner provided for money left by a deceased resident.

6 (e) For purposes of this section, "heirloom" means personal
7 property of sentimental value to a Pioneers' Home resident that has
8 been in the possession of the resident's family for 10 years or more
9 or was a gift to the resident.