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SENATE BILL NO. 117

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to Alzheimer's disease and related  
7 disorders."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 44.21.230(b) is amended to read:

10 (b) To accomplish its duties, the commission may

11 (1) review, evaluate, and comment upon state programs  
12 concerned with the problems and the needs of older Alaskans;

13 (2) collect facts and statistics, and make studies of  
14 conditions and problems pertaining to the employment, health, finan-  
15 cial security, social welfare, and other concerns that bear upon the  
16 well-being of older Alaskans;

17 (3) provide information about public programs that would be  
18 of interest or benefit to older Alaskans;

19 (4) appoint special committees, which may include persons  
20 who are not members of the commission, to complete necessary studies;

21 (5) promote community education efforts regarding the  
22 problems and concerns of older Alaskans;

23 (6) contract for necessary services;

24 (7) consult and cooperate with persons, organizations, and  
25 groups interested in or concerned with programs of assistance to older  
26 Alaskans;

27 (8) advocate improved programs of benefit to older  
28 Alaskans; [AND]

29 (9) set standards for levels of services for older Alaskans

1 for programs administered by the commission; and

2 (10) make grants to nonprofit organizations for the opera-  
3 tion of adult day-care centers that provide supervision, custodial  
4 care, and psychological and physical activities for persons afflicted  
5 with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

6 \* Sec. 2. AS 47.05.010 is amended to read:

7 Sec. 47.05.010. DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT. The Department of Health  
8 and Social Services shall

9 (1) administer adult public assistance, aid to families  
10 with dependent children, and all other assistance programs, and re-  
11 ceive and spend funds made available to it;

12 (2) adopt regulations necessary for the conduct of its  
13 business and for carrying out federal and state laws granting adult  
14 public assistance, aid to families with dependent children, and other  
15 assistance;

16 (3) establish minimum standards for personnel employed by  
17 the department and adopt necessary regulations to maintain those  
18 standards;

19 (4) require those bonds and undertakings from persons  
20 employed by it which in its judgment are necessary, and pay the premi-  
21 ums on them;

22 (5) cooperate with the federal government in matters of  
23 mutual concern pertaining to adult public assistance, aid to families  
24 with dependent children, and other forms of public assistance;

25 (6) make the reports, in the form and containing the infor-  
26 mation, which the federal government from time to time requires;

27 (7) cooperate with the federal government, its agencies or  
28 instrumentalities in establishing, extending and strengthening ser-  
29 vices for the protection and care of homeless, dependent and neglected

1 children in danger of becoming delinquent, and receive and expend  
2 funds available to the department by the federal government, the state  
3 or its political subdivisions for that purpose;

4 (8) cooperate with the federal government in adopting state  
5 plans to make the state eligible for federal matching in appropriate  
6 categories of assistance, and in all matters of mutual concern, in-  
7 cluding adoption of the methods of administration which are found by  
8 the federal government to be necessary for the efficient operation of  
9 welfare programs;

10 (9) adopt regulations, not inconsistent with law, defining  
11 need, prescribing the conditions of eligibility for assistance, and  
12 establishing standards for determining the amount of assistance which  
13 an eligible person is entitled to receive; the amount of the assis-  
14 tance is sufficient when, added to all other income and resources  
15 available to an individual, it provides the individual with a reason-  
16 able subsistence compatible with health and well-being; an individual  
17 who meets the requirements for eligibility for assistance shall be  
18 granted the assistance promptly upon application for it;

19 (10) grant to a person claiming or receiving assistance and  
20 who is aggrieved because of the department's action or failure to act,  
21 reasonable notice and an opportunity for a fair hearing by the depart-  
22 ment, and the department shall adopt regulations relative to this;

23 (11) enter into reciprocal agreements with other states  
24 relative to public assistance, welfare services, and institutional  
25 care which are considered advisable;

26 (12) establish the requirements of residence for public  
27 assistance, welfare services and institutional care which are con-  
28 sidered advisable, subject to the limitations of other laws of the  
29 state, or law or regulation imposed as conditions for federal

1 financial participation;

2 (13) establish the divisions and local offices which are  
3 considered necessary or expedient to carry out a duty or authority  
4 assigned to it and appoint and employ the assistants and personnel  
5 which are necessary to carry on the work of the divisions and offices,  
6 and fix the compensation of the assistants or employees except that a  
7 person engaged in business as a retail vendor of general merchandise,  
8 or a member of the immediate family of a person who is so engaged, may  
9 not serve as an acting, temporary or permanent local agent of the de-  
10 partment, unless the commissioner of health and social services certi-  
11 fies in writing to the governor, with relation to a particular commu-  
12 nity, that no other qualified person is available in the community to  
13 serve as local welfare agent; for the purposes of this paragraph, a  
14 "member of the immediate family" includes a spouse, child, parent,  
15 brother; sister, parent-in-law, brother-in-law or sister-in-law;

16 (14) operate or contract for the operation of a statewide  
17 center in Anchorage for the diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and re-  
18 lated disorders; the center shall provide for at least 20 hours each  
19 week the services of a psychiatrist, a psychologist, and a nurse  
20 [REPEALED].