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1 IN THE SENATE

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 128 (HESS)

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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

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to eligibility for longevity bonus
7 payments and the use of longevity bonus payments in
8 determining adult public assistance; and providing
9 for an effective date."

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

11 * Section 1. AS 47.45.070 is amended to read:

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Sec. 47.45.070. UNQUALIFIED PERSONS. An unqualified person is

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one who

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(1) does not meet the age or residence requirements as
15 provided for under this chapter;

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(2) meets the age and residence requirements of this
17 chapter but either is confined in a state or federal mental health
18 institution or facility and is certified by the state as unable to
19 manage personal affairs, or resides in a nursing home as that term is
20 defined in AS 08.70.180; however, if that person, at the time of
21 commitment or commencement of residence, provided the principal
22 support of a spouse, the commissioner of administration may determine
23 to pay the confined person's bonus to the person's spouse until the
24 spouse is qualified for a bonus;

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(3) is otherwise qualified but confined in a penal or
26 correctional institution or facility; upon completion of sentence or
27 upon the conferral of a pardon, parole or probation, the person may
28 make application; confinement outside the state shall be considered as
29 residence in the state if a person was convicted and sentenced from a

1 court in Alaska; revocation of parole or probation shall be cause for
2 immediate disqualification until release from confinement is again
3 effected;

4 (4) voluntarily leaves the state and remains absent from
5 the state for a continuous period of more than 180 days.

6 * Sec. 2. AS 47.45 is amended by adding new sections to read:

7 Sec. 47.45.122. ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. An individ-
8 ual for whom public assistance is denied or reduced solely because of
9 the receipt of a bonus by the individual or by a member of the indi-
10 vidual's household is eligible for assistance under the general relief
11 assistance program under AS 47.25.120 - 47.25.300. Notwithstanding
12 the limit in AS 47.25.130, the individual is entitled to receive the
13 same amount as the individual would have received under other public
14 assistance programs had there been no longevity bonus program.

15 Sec. 47.45.124. ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE PROGRAMS. A program
16 administered by the state or any of its instrumentalities or munici-
17 palities, the eligibility for which is based on financial need, may
18 not consider a bonus as income or resources unless required to do so
19 by federal law or regulation.

20 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1985.