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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 389

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Pioneers' Home."

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

8 \* Section 1. AS 47.25.030(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) A citizen of the United States over 65 years of age who is a  
10 resident of the state and has been a resident for not less than 15  
11 years continuously immediately preceding application, but who is  
12 neither [NOT] destitute nor in need of the aid or benefit of the home  
13 because of physical disability or other cause, may on application be  
14 admitted to the home upon agreement to pay to the state a sum for each  
15 day as the Department of Administration considers sufficient to com-  
16 pensate the state for the cost of care and support of the person at  
17 the home. When this agreement is entered into, the Department of  
18 Administration may receive the security for the payments that [  
19 WHICH] it considers expedient.

20 \* Sec. 2. AS 47.25.030(b) is amended to read:

21 (b) The Department of Administration shall adopt regulations  
22 establishing a daily or monthly rate for the compensation a resident  
23 is to be charged under (a) and (f) of this section. The rate charged  
24 need not fully compensate the state for the cost of care and support.  
25 The commissioner of administration shall review the rate each year.

26 \* Sec. 3. AS 47.25.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

27 (f) A person residing in the state who has been a resident of  
28 the state continuously for more than 15 years immediately preceding  
29 application for admission who is not destitute, but is in need of the

1 aid or benefit of the home because of physical disability or other  
2 cause, is entitled to admission to the home upon agreement to pay to  
3 the state a sum for each day that the Department of Administration  
4 considers sufficient to compensate the state for the cost of care and  
5 support of the person at the home. When this agreement is entered  
6 into, the Department of Administration may receive the security for  
7 the payments that it considers expedient.

8 \* Sec. 4. AS 47.25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

9 Sec. 47.25.037. PRIORITY IN ADMISSION. A person qualified for  
10 admission to the home under AS 47.25.020 or 47.25.030(f) has priority  
11 in admission over a person qualified for admission under AS 47.25.-  
12 030(a). However, a resident admitted under AS 47.25.030(a) is not  
13 required to leave the home in order to provide space to an applicant  
14 eligible for admission under AS 47.25.020 or 47.25.030(f). A person  
15 qualified for admission to the home under AS 47.25.020 does not have  
16 priority in admission over a person qualified for admission under  
17 AS 47.25.030(f).

18 \* Sec. 5. AS 47.25 is amended by adding a new section to article 1 to  
19 read:

20 Sec. 47.25.119. DEFINITION. In AS 47.25.010 - 47.25.119, "phys-  
21 ical disability or other cause" means inability to maintain a house-  
22 hold without regular assistance in shopping, housekeeping, meal prepa-  
23 ration, dressing, or personal hygiene because of physical or medical  
24 impairment, infirmity, or disability.