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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 389

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 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 47.25.010(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) The state shall maintain an institution [FOR THE CARE OF
10 NEEDY PERSONS,] known as the Alaska Pioneers' Home. The principal
11 home shall be maintained at Sitka, and a branch may be maintained at a
12 site or sites designated by the commissioner of administration.

13 * Sec. 2. AS 47.25.020 is amended to read:

14 Sec. 47.25.020. ADMISSION TO HOME. (a) Every worthy person
15 residing in the state who is 65 years of age or older, has been a
16 resident of the state continuously for more than 15 years immediately
17 preceding application for admission, and [WHO] is [DESTITUTE AND] in
18 need of the aid or benefit of the home because of physical disability
19 or other cause, is eligible for [ENTITLED TO] admission to the home
20 under the conditions, limitations, and penalties prescribed by the
21 regulations of the Department of Administration. The spouse of a
22 person who is eligible for admission under other provisions of this
23 subsection is also eligible for admission to the home under the condi-
24 tions, limitations, and penalties prescribed by regulations of the
25 department if the spouse is 65 years of age or older and has been a
26 resident of the state continuously for more than 15 years immediately
27 preceding application for admission. In this subsection, "physical
28 disability or other cause" means inability to maintain a household
29 without regular assistance in shopping, housekeeping, meal prepara-

1 tion, dressing, or personal hygiene because of physical or medical
2 impairment, infirmity, or disability [A PERSON MAY NOT BE ADMITTED AS
3 A RESIDENT OF THE ALASKA PIONEERS' HOME UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF
4 AS 47.25.010 - 47.25.100 IF THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PERSON
5 IS IMPOSED BY LAW UPON A RELATIVE OR MEMBER OF THE FAMILY OF THE
6 PERSON].

7 (b) Every person admitted to the Pioneers' Home [, EXCEPT A
8 PERSON ADMITTED UNDER AS 47.25.030,] who receives income from any
9 source in excess of \$100 per month may be required by the Department
10 of Administration to pay the excess to the Department of Administra-
11 tion immediately upon receipt of the money in payment, or part pay-
12 ment, of the cost of the person's maintenance. However, the depart-
13 ment may not require in any month the payment of an amount greater
14 than the monthly rate set under AS 47.25.030(b) except to satisfy an
15 indebtedness incurred under AS 47.25.070.

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
19 EACH]. The Department of Administration may pay to a resident without
20 funds the sum of \$100 per month.

21 (d) The money received by the commissioner of revenue under this
22 section shall be deposited in the general fund. The commissioner of
23 administration shall separately account for money deposited under this
24 section. The annual estimated balance in the account may be used by
25 the legislature to make appropriations to the Department of Adminis-
26 tration to carry out the purposes of AS 47.25.010 - 47.25.100.

27 * Sec. 3. AS 47.25.030(a) is amended to read:

28 (a) A person eligible for admission under AS 47.25.020 [CITIZEN
29 OF THE UNITED STATES OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THE

1 STATE AND HAS BEEN A RESIDENT FOR NOT LESS THAN 15 YEARS CONTINUOUSLY
2 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING APPLICATION, BUT WHO IS NOT DESTITUTE,] may on
3 application be admitted to the home upon agreement to pay to the state
4 a sum for each month [DAY] as the Department of Administration consid-
5 ers sufficient to compensate the state for the cost of care and sup-
6 port of the person at the home. When this agreement is entered into
7 the Department of Administration may receive [THE] security for the
8 payments that [, WHICH] it considers expedient.

9 * Sec. 4. AS 47.25.030(b) is amended to read:

10 (b) The Department of Administration shall adopt regulations
11 establishing a [DAILY OR] monthly rate for the compensation a resident
12 is to be charged under (a) of this section. The rate charged need not
13 fully compensate the state for the cost of care and support. The
14 commissioner of administration shall review the rate each year.

15 * Sec. 5. AS 47.25.035 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 47.25.035. EXCEPTION TO ADMISSION CRITERIA. An applicant
17 for admission to the home who has been a resident of the state for 30
18 years and is otherwise qualified for admission under AS 47.25.020 [OR
19 47.25.030] may not be disqualified for admission because of absence
20 from the state if the commissioner of administration determines the
21 absence was reasonable and admission is consistent with the intent of
22 AS 47.25.010 - 47.25.100 [THIS CHAPTER].

23 * Sec. 6. AS 47.25.070(a)(3), 47.25.070(a)(6), 47.25.070(b), 47.25.-
24 070(c), 47.25.070(d), and 47.25.070(e) are repealed.