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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE HESS COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 389 (HESS)

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 institutions [AN INSTITUTION FOR
10 THE CARE OF NEEDY PERSONS,] known collectively as the Alaska Pioneers'
11 Home. Pioneers' homes [THE PRINCIPAL HOME] shall be maintained at
12 Sitka [,] and at other [A BRANCH MAY BE MAINTAINED AT A SITE OR] sites
13 designated by the commissioner of administration.

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

15 Sec. 47.25.020. ADMISSION TO HOME. (a) Every [WORTHY] person
16 residing in the state who is 65 years of age or older, has been a
17 resident of the state continuously for more than 15 years immediately
18 preceding application for admission, and [WHO] is [DESTITUTE AND] in
19 need of residence at [THE AID OR BENEFIT OF] the home because of
20 physical disability or other reason [CAUSE], is eligible for [ENTITLED
21 TO] admission [TO THE HOME] under [THE] conditions [, LIMITATIONS AND
22 PENALTIES] prescribed in [BY THE] regulations of the Department of
23 Administration. The spouse of a person who is eligible for admission
24 under other provisions of this subsection is also eligible for admis-
25 sion to the home under conditions prescribed by the department if the
26 spouse is 65 years of age or older and has been a resident of the
27 state continuously for more than 15 years immediately preceding appli-
28 cation for admission. In this subsection, "physical disability or
29 other reason" means inability to maintain a household without regular

1 assistance in shopping, housekeeping, meal preparation, dressing, or
2 personal hygiene because of physical or medical impairment, infirmity,
3 or disability [A PERSON MAY NOT BE ADMITTED AS A RESIDENT OF THE
4 ALASKA PIONEERS' HOME UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF AS 47.25.010 - 47.25.100
5 IF THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PERSON IS IMPOSED BY LAW UPON A
6 RELATIVE OR MEMBER OF THE FAMILY OF THE 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 [DEPARTMENT OF
11 ADMINISTRATION] immediately upon receipt of the money in payment, or
12 part payment, of the cost of the person's care. 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 [MAINTENANCE].

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 the person's agreement to pay
4 to the state [A SUM FOR] each month an amount [DAY AS] the Department
5 of Administration considers sufficient to compensate the state for the
6 cost of care and support of the person at the home. When this agree-
7 ment is entered into the Department of Administration may require
8 [RECEIVE THE] security for the payments [, WHICH IT CONSIDERS EXPEDI-
9 ENT].

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

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

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

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

24 * Sec. 6. AS 47.25.070(a)(3), 47.25.070(a)(6), 47.25.070(b), 47.25.-
25 070(c), 47.25.070(d), and 47.25.070(e) are repealed.