

BY THE SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS AND PIONEERS

1 IN THE SENATE

2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 477

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 protection of elderly persons
7 from harm."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 47.24.020(c) is amended to read:

10 (c) The department shall immediately terminate an investigation
11 under this section upon the request of an elderly person who is the
12 subject of a report of harm, except that the department may not termi-
13 nate an investigation at any time until after the department has
14 conducted a face-to-face interview with the elderly person who is the
15 subject of the report of harm. However, if the department has
16 reasonable cause to believe that the elderly person is incapacitated,
17 the department may petition the superior court under AS 13.26 for
18 appointment of a guardian or temporary guardian for the elderly person
19 for the purpose of obtaining consent to continue the investigation.

20 * Sec. 2. AS 47.24.100(6) is amended to read:

21 (6) "elderly person" means a resident of Alaska who is 55
22 [65] years of age or older;