

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 538

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 cost-of-living increases for
7 certain public assistance programs; and providing for
8 an effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 47.25.320(d) is repealed and reenacted to read:

11 (d) On July 1 of each year, the department may, subject to the
12 availability of funds on July 1 that are appropriated specifically for
13 the purpose of increasing the monetary maximums in (a) of this sec-
14 tion, increase the monetary maximums in (a) of this section by a
15 percentage equal to the percentage increase in the Consumer Price
16 Index for Urban Consumers All Items for Anchorage, Alaska, during the
17 previous calendar year as determined by the United States Department
18 of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

19 * Sec. 2. AS 47.25.430(b) is amended to read:

20 (b) The department shall determine the amount of assistance with
21 regard to the resources and needs of the person and the conditions
22 existing in each case. Assistance shall be in an amount that will
23 provide the applicant with reasonable subsistence compatible with
24 decency and health in accordance with standards established by the
25 department and with the standards established under 42 U.S.C. 1381 -
26 1385 (Title XVI, Social Security Act Supplemental Security Income
27 Program). When benefit amounts under 42 U.S.C. 1381 - 1385 are in-
28 creased as a result of an increase in the cost of living, the state
29 shall pass along the increase to recipients and, on July 1 of each

1 year, the department may, subject to the availability of funds on
2 July 1 that are appropriated specifically for the purpose of increas-
3 ing the amount of the state contribution, [SHALL] increase the amount
4 of the state contribution to recipients by a percentage equal to the
5 percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers
6 All Items for Anchorage, Alaska, during the previous calendar year as
7 determined by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
8 Statistics [OF THE STATE CONTRIBUTION EQUAL TO THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE
9 IN THE BENEFIT AMOUNTS UNDER 42 U.S.C. 1381 - 1385]. Direct payments
10 for medical services and remedial care may not be considered in deter-
11 mining the maximum amount payable.

12 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1990.