

**SENATE BILL NO. 3**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Introduced: 1/21/91

Referred: HESS and Judiciary

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to protection of elderly persons from harm."

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

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

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

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

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