

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 44 (FINANCE)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/27/91

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATORS KERTTULA, Pourchot, Duncan

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the establishment and operation of state veterans' home facilities; and
2 providing for an effective date."

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

4 * **Section 1. PURPOSE.** The purpose of this Act is to direct the Department of Military and
5 Veterans' Affairs to establish and operate state veterans' homes in a manner that would make them
6 eligible for the maximum amount of federal funds.

7 * **Sec. 2.** AS 18.07.111(9) is amended to read:

8 (9) "health care facility" means a private, municipal, state, or federal hospital,
9 psychiatric hospital, tuberculosis hospital, skilled nursing facility, kidney disease treatment center
10 (including freestanding hemodialysis units), intermediate care facility, and ambulatory surgical
11 facility; the term excludes

12 (A) an Alaska Pioneers' Home administered by the Department of
13 Administration under AS 44.21.020(10) and AS 47.55; [AND]

14 (B) the offices of private physicians or dentists whether in individual or

1 group practice; **and**

2 (C) a state veterans' home administered by the Department of
3 Military and Veterans' Affairs;

4 * Sec. 3. AS 44.35.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (c) The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall apply for federal assistance
6 to establish and operate state veterans' home facilities. The department, within available funds,
7 shall establish and operate veterans' homes in the Matanuska-Susitna Valley area and at other
8 sites designated by the adjutant general.

9 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).