

SENATE BILL NO. 482

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Introduced: 5/13/82
Referred: L&C, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to state programs that provide a financial benefit to entities and
2 individuals; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 * Section 1. AS 26.10.080(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall pay, upon application, a death
6 gratuity in the amount of \$350 [\$750] to the surviving spouse of a qualified veteran who was a
7 resident of the state at the time of death. If the veteran has no surviving spouse, the gratuity
8 shall be paid to the personal representative of the veteran. A veteran is qualified under this
9 subsection if the veteran's

10 (1) burial occurred in the state on or after May 13, 1984; or

11 (2) death occurred on or after September 19, 1990.

12 * Sec. 2. AS 26.10.080(c) is amended to read:

13 (c) The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs may not pay a death gratuity unless
14 the veteran for whom payment is made

1 (1) received an honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable
2 conditions; and
3 (2) is ineligible for a federal funeral or burial benefit under 38 U.S.C. 901 -
4 907.

5 * Sec. 3. AS 44.83.162(c) is amended to read:

6 (c) An eligible electric utility is entitled to receive power cost equalization for
7 (1) sales of power to local community facilities, calculated in the aggregate for
8 each community served by the electric utility, for actual consumption of not more than 70
9 kilowatt-hours per month for each resident of the community; and
10 (2) actual consumption of not more than 750 kilowatt-hours per month sold to
11 each customer in all classes served by the electric utility except to customers of the utility under
12 (1) of this subsection and customers that are state or federal offices or state or federal
13 facilities.

14 * Sec. 4. AS 44.83.162(d) is amended to read:

15 (d) The amount of power cost equalization provided per kilowatt-hour under (c) of this
16 section may not exceed 95 percent of the power costs, or the average rate per eligible
17 kilowatt-hour sold, whichever is less, as determined by the commission. However,
18 (1) during the state fiscal year that begins July 1, 1992, [1984] the power costs
19 for which power cost equalization may be paid to an electric utility are limited to minimum
20 power costs of more than 9.5 [8.5] cents per kilowatt-hour and less than 52.5 cents per
21 kilowatt-hour;
22 (2) during each following state fiscal year, the power costs for which power cost
23 equalization may be paid to an electric utility shall be adjusted by the commission, considering
24 the rate of change in fuel cost and power demand; and
25 (3) the power cost equalization per kilowatt-hour may be determined for a utility
26 without historical kilowatt-hour sales data by using kilowatt hours generated.

27 * Sec. 5. AS 44.83.162(e) is amended to read:

28 (e) An electric utility whose customers receive power cost equalization under this section
29 shall set out in its tariff the rates without the power cost equalization and the amount of power
30 cost equalization per kilowatt-hour sold. The rate charged to the customer shall be the difference
31 between the two amounts. Power cost equalization paid under this section shall be used to reduce

1 the cost of all power sold to local community facilities, in the aggregate, to the extent of 70
2 kilowatt-hours per month per resident of the community, and to reduce the cost of the first 750
3 kilowatt-hours per customer per month for all other classes served by the electric utility except
4 state or federal offices and state or federal facilities.

5 * Sec. 6. AS 47.25.455 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

6 (c) As a condition of applying for assistance under this section, an applicant must agree
7 to repay the state for assistance granted under this section upon receiving a benefit under 42
8 U.S.C. 1381 - 1383d for a month in which assistance was granted under this section. However,
9 a repayment required for a month under this subsection may not exceed the amount of assistance
10 received under 42 U.S.C. 1381 - 1383d for that month.

11 (d) Beginning the month following the month in which a person is determined to be
12 eligible for benefits under 42 U.S.C. 1381 - 1383d, the department shall terminate benefits to that
13 person under this section and begin payments to the person under AS 47.25.430.

14 * Sec. 7. ONE-YEAR LIMITATION ON GRANTING COLA FOR AFDC AND ADULT PUBLIC
15 ASSISTANCE. (a) Notwithstanding AS 47.25.320(d), the Department of Health and Social Services
16 is not required to increase the monetary maximums in AS 47.25.320(a) on January 1, 1993, because of
17 a cost-of-living increase in benefits under 42 U.S.C. 1381 - 1383d. On January 1, 1993, the department
18 may increase the monetary maximums in AS 47.25.320(a) by a percentage that does not exceed the
19 percentage increase in benefits under 42 U.S.C. 1381 - 1383d on January 1, 1993, but only if the
20 department determines by November 15, 1992, that sufficient money has been appropriated to fund the
21 increase in monetary maximums for the first six months of 1993.

22 (b) Notwithstanding AS 47.25.430(b), the Department of Health and Social Services is not
23 required to increase the state's contribution to recipients under AS 47.25.430 on January 1, 1993, because
24 of a cost-of-living increase in benefits under 42 U.S.C. 1381 - 1383d. On January 1, 1993, the
25 department may increase the state's contribution to recipients under AS 47.25.430 by a percentage that
26 does not exceed the percentage increase in benefits under 42 U.S.C. 1381 - 1383d on January 1, 1993,
27 but only if the department determines by November 15, 1992, that sufficient money has been
28 appropriated to fund the increase in the state's contribution for the first six months of 1993.

29 * Sec. 8. This Act takes effect July 1, 1992.