

HB

44

Ordered Final

HOUSE BILL NO. 44

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRICE

Introduced: 1/13/97

Referred: State Affairs, Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to admission to an Alaska Pioneers' Home."

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

3 * Section 1. AS 47.55.035 is amended to read:

4 Sec. 47.55.035. Exceptions [EXCEPTION] to admission criteria. An
5 applicant for admission to the home who has been a resident of the state for 30 years
6 and is otherwise qualified for admission under AS 47.55.020 may not be disqualified
7 for admission because of absence from the state if the commissioner of administration
8 determines the absence was reasonable and admission is consistent with the intent of
9 AS 47.55.010 47.55.100. An applicant who is otherwise qualified for admission
10 to the home may not be disqualified for admission based on ~~failure~~ to make an
11 initial payment or provide security for the monthly payments provided for in the
12 agreement entered into under AS 47.55.030(a) if the commissioner of
13 administration determines that the applicant is financially unable to make the
14 payment or provide the security.

inadequately

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date Referred to Committee: January 13, 1997

FURTHER REFERRALS:

HSS
Finance

Date of Committee Action: 4/2/98

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee considered:

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ADMISSION TO PIONEERS' HOMES

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recommends it be replaced with the following committee substitute CS HB 44 (STA) the same title a new title

additional referral to _____ Committee
 attached amendment(s)

ADOPTS: _____ Letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): (Dept) _____

APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date) _____

fiscal note(s) _____

fiscal note(s) _____

zero fiscal note(s) GOV

zero fiscal note(s) _____

SIGNING WITH RECOMMENDATIONS	DP	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Jeannette James</i>	✓			
<i>K. S. [unclear]</i>	✓			
<i>[unclear]</i>	✓			
<i>[unclear]</i>	✓			
<i>Grae Ryan</i>	✓			
<i>[unclear]</i>	✓			

CHAIR'S SIGNATURE *Jeannette James*



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SPONSOR STATEMENT

HOUSE BILL NO. 44

"An Act relating to admission to an Alaska Pioneers' Home"

HB No. 44 would mandate that an applicant who qualifies for admission to the Pioneers' Home not be disqualified for admission based on failure to make an initial payment or provide security for monthly payments.

The Pioneers' Home now provides this as a policy. Without this admission status defined in statute, future applicants will not be protected against being denied entry should the Pioneers' Home change its policy. Presently the Policy and Procedure Manual for the Pioneers' Home is updated on a yearly basis thus every year applicants without assets face the potential of being denied admission.

The need to assure, in Alaska statute, that our Senior citizens are protected and will not be denied admission into the Pioneers' Home, is in the best interest of the state.



A M E N D M E N T

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

TO: HB 44

1 Page 1, line 1:

2 Delete "an Alaska Pioneers' Home"

3 Insert "and payments for cost of care in an Alaska Pioneers' Home, and to
4 payments by the state to certain residents of the home"

5 Page 1, following line 2:

6 Insert new bill sections to read:

7 " * Section 1. AS 47.55.020(b) is amended to read:

8 (b) Every person admitted to the Pioneers' Home who receives income from
9 any source [IN EXCESS OF \$100 PER MONTH] may be required by the Department
10 of Administration to pay the income [EXCESS] to the department immediately upon
11 receipt [OF THE MONEY] in payment, or part payment, of the cost of the person's
12 care. However, the person may retain each month 15 percent of the income
13 received during that month or \$200, whichever is greater, and the department may
14 not require in any month the payment of an amount greater than the monthly rate set
15 under AS 47.55.030(b) except to satisfy an indebtedness incurred under AS 47.55.070.
16 The department may not evict a person from the Pioneers' Home if the income and
17 assets of the person are insufficient to pay the monthly rate set under AS 47.55.030(b)
18 and the person is otherwise in compliance with requirements under this chapter.

19 * Sec. 2. AS 47.55.020(c) is amended to read:

20 (c) At the end of each month, the payments made under (b) of this section by
21 a resident shall be transmitted to the commissioner of revenue. If the amount of
22 income retained by the resident for a month is less than \$200, the [THE]
23 Department of Administration may pay to the [A] resident the amount that, when
24 added to the amount retained by the resident, equals \$200 for that [WITHOUT

1 FUNDS THE SUM OF \$100 PER] month."

2 Page 1, line 3:

3 Delete "* Section 1."

4 Insert "* Sec. 3."

SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

HOUSE BILL 44

"An Act relating to admission to an Alaska Pioneers' Home."

SECTION 1 AMENDS AS 47.55.035. Adds to under exceptions:

An applicant who is otherwise qualified for admission to the home may not be disqualified for admission based on failure to make an initial payment or provide security for the monthly payments provided for in the agreement entered into under AS 47.55.030(a) if the commissioner of administration determines that the applicant is financially unable to make the payment or provide the security.

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Memorandum

DATE: January 20, 1997
TO: Representative Jeannette James
Chair, State Affairs Committee
FROM: Representative Tom Brice *TB*
RE: HB 44 Admission to Alaska Pioneers' Home

I would appreciate your scheduling HB 48 before the House State Affairs Committee for a hearing as soon as possible.

HB 44 addresses the issue of applicants who qualify for admission into the Pioneers' Home except for their ability to make the initial payment or provide security for monthly payments. The Pioneers' Home currently allows applicants entrance but establishing in statue this practice will assure our Senior citizens they will not be denied admission in the future.

HB 44 will accomplish this for Alaska's senior citizens.

Thank you.

*TB said
"Gold"
1/20/97*



Author: Barbara Cotting at LAA_TRANS
Date: 4/3/98 9:40 AM
Priority: Normal
TO: shari_kochman@gov.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1
Subject: HB 44

The clerk's office just called and asked for an updated fiscal note on HB 44. The one I have from Jim Kohn is dated 1997.

No, I don't have one dated 1998. No, I don't know why I don't have one. Please just send me a copy of one so the bill can be transmitted ASAP. Thanks.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSHB 44(STA)

Revision Date: April 3, 1998
 Title: "An Act relating to admission to an Alaska Pioneers' Home."
 Sponsor: Representative Brice
 Requestor: (H) STA

Department Affected: Administration
 BRU: Senior Services
 Component: Pioneers' Homes
 COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 1950

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE: (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
OTHER						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY 98) cost: \$ none

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Administration; this bill is putting into law what the existing policy is.

Prepared by: Jim Kohn, Director
 Division: Alaska Longevity Programs

Phone: 465-4400
 Date: _____

Approved by Commissioner: Mark Boyer
 Agency: Department of Administration

Date: 4/3/98

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