

HB

464

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SPONSOR STATEMENT

HOUSE BILL 464,

"An Act relating to state veterans' home facilities"

4/3/98

House Bill 464 amends Chapter 98 SLA 1992. This special law of Alaska allows Alaska to have an Alaskan Veterans' Home and includes verbiage identifying domiciliary care. However, in order for the state to recuperate approximately 65% of the construction costs of the home from the Veterans Administration if one is eventually built, the law must include nursing facilities. Without them, the state would have to shoulder the burden of all construction costs.

Further, Veterans Homes in other states are self sufficient in many cases because they contain nursing facilities. The nursing facility allows the state to collect medical fees from Medicare, Medicaid, and other third party health insurance. This offsets any state operating costs.

Please note that this bill does not request funding for a veterans home, it merely changes the law to allow one should it be deemed feasible. Currently the Veterans' organizations are raising money for a study to determine the feasibility and the logistics of having such a home in Alaska. HB 464 simply clears the way.

Please note also that HB 464 is now accompanied by two zero fiscal notes.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 464

Revision Date: _____ Dept. Affected: Health and Social Services
 Title: An Act relating to state veterans' home BRU: Medical Assistance
facilities. Component: Medicaid Facilities
 Sponsor: House State Affairs COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 230
 Requestor: House (MVA) See also (SN#): _____

Expenditures/Revenues:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04
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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CHANGES 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 (please specify)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of any current year (FY98) cost: \$0.0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Provisions in House Bill 464 require the Department of Administration to require residents of state veterans' homes to pay for the full cost of their care, except for federal and other nonstate assistance that residents may receive.

The Division of Medical Assistance administers two programs which pay for nursing home services: Medicaid and General Relief Medicaid. The Division assumes that Medicaid, for which the state contributes approximately 40 percent of the cost of services, and GRM, for which the state pays 100 percent of the cost of covered services, are not "federal or nonstate assistance." Therefore, the Department of Administration would not be able to accept reimbursement from either of these programs.

Any change, or different interpretation, of this provision could result in the Medicaid or GRM programs incurring substantial cost increases.

3/16/98
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 Approved by Commissioner: Karen Perdue, Commissioner
 Agency: Department of Health & Social Services

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 464

Revising Date: March 31, 1998
 Title: "An Act relating to state veterans' home facilities."
 Sponsor: (H) STA
 Requestor: (H) STA

Department Affected: Administration
 BRU: Alaska Longevity Programs
 Component: AK Longevity Programs Management
 COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 2263

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)

1000 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.)

This bill does not fiscally impact the Department of Administration.

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Date: 3/31/98

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