

**HB**

**16**



## REPRESENTATIVE ERIC CROFT

### Sponsor Statement

#### House Bill 16

#### *"Consolidated Licensing for Assisted Living Care Facilities"*

House Bill 16 seeks to eliminate a perceived conflict of interest in the Department of Administration (DOA), Division of Senior Services (DSS) and Division of Alaska Longevity Services. Consequently, DSS licenses Pioneers' Homes of Alaska and DALSS operates and budgets the Homes in addition to licensing other assisted care facilities. This has resulted in concern about the ability of DSS/DALSS to objectively license/operate the Homes and other assisted living care facilities.

HB 16 will transfer licensing of all assisted living care facilities from DOA to the Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Medical Assistance (DMA). Changing the location of the licensing function will remove any conflict of interest now present.

HB 16 will also streamline licensing of assisted living care facilities, in addition to the Pioneers' Homes, by housing them in one division. Currently, the licenses of senior mental health and nursing home facilities are issued by DMA, while the licenses of assisted living facilities are issued by DSS/DALSS. This bill will ensure all licensing for senior assisted living will be under one division and department, thus eliminating the need for two departments and divisions doing similar work.

HB 16 is based on one of the recommendations of the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman.



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### MEMORANDUM

January 22, 1999

**SUBJECT:** House Bill 16: Sectional analysis (Work Order No. 21-LS0155A)

**TO:** Representative Eric Croft

**FROM:** Jack Chenoweth  
Assistant Revisor of Statutes

The principal purpose of the Act is to eliminate the division of licensing authority involving assisted living facilities that exists between the Department of Administration and the Department of Health & Social Services by combining the entire licensing responsibility in the latter department.

Licensing authority for assisted living facilities is generally set out in AS 47.33. The actual division of authority appears in existing AS 47.33.410(a). The chapter incorporates a definition of "licensing agency" that reflects the distinction.

The principal operative provisions of the bill are those that eliminate the division of authority--the repeal of AS 47.33.410(a) made in **bill section 16** and the revision of the definition of "licensing agency" in AS 47.33.990, amended in **bill section 15**.

The amendments made in **bill sections 1 - 14** and the repeal of the provisions in AS 47.33.410(b), 410(c), and 410(e) made in **bill section 16** are conforming amendments that eliminate references to the "Department of Administration" and that substitute references to a single "licensing agency" in appropriate places.

Standard "Applicability" and "Transition" provisions are set out in **bill sections 17 and 18** to ensure continuation of the obligations, rights, and remedies that are in effect on the date of the Act's taking effect.

**Bill section 19** gives the measure a July 1, 1999, effective date, the start of the next state fiscal year.

JBC:jdr  
99-032.jdr

**Number of Assisted Living Homes Per District**

District	# of Homes
1	2
2	2
3	6
4	1
5	0
6	0
7	9
8	7
9	0
10	8
11	13
12	9
13	6
14	2
15	3
16	8
17	7
18	3
19	10
20	5
21	8
22	13
23	6
24	9
25	4
26	4
27	9
28	4
29	2
30	4
31	4
32	0
33	3
34	4
35	3
36	1
37	3
38	0
39	5
40	0

## REPRESENTATIVE ERIC CROFT

To: Rep. Jeanette James, Chair  
House State Affairs Committee  
From: Rep. Eric Croft *Eric Croft*  
Date: 3/29/99  
Re: Hearing request for HB 16

I respectfully request a hearing for House Bill 16

Department of Administration Commissioner designee Bob Poe has begun to discuss what the Administration is doing to improve service and care in the Pioneers' Homes throughout the state. I welcome this dialogue but want to discuss the other assisted living homes also. We have a responsibility to ensure our seniors are receiving quality care in all assisted living facilities. I believe our bill does this.

For your information I have tallied the number of assisted living homes in each election district.

cc: House State Affairs Committee members





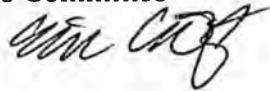
## REPRESENTATIVE ERIC CROFT

To: Rep. Jeannette James, Chair  
House State Affairs Committee

From: Rep. Eric Croft

Date: 3/17/99

Re: HB 16



On March 12<sup>th</sup>, Senator Jerry Ward, chair of Senate State Affairs, held a committee oversight hearing on the Alaska Pioneers' Homes. Those who testified spoke of administrative errors with medication and supervision. They also urged support of HB 16, my bill which would change the licensing authority of the Pioneers' Home away from the same department who manages the system. I believe this bill will eliminate any perceived conflict of interest currently present and begin a dialogue on how we can be more responsive to the needs of Alaska seniors. I urge you to hold a hearing and let us begin that dialogue.

cc: House State Affairs Committee members





REPRESENTATIVE ERIC CROFT

Memorandum

To: Rep. Jeannette James, Chair, House State Affairs Committee  
From: Rep. Eric Croft, Anchorage Caucus Co-Chair *Eric Croft*  
Re: HB 16

I'm requesting a hearing for HB 16 in your State Affairs Committee, legislation that would seek to streamline and improve the licensing of Assisted Living Facilities in Alaska.

Enclosed for your information:

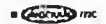
- Sponsor Statement
- Sectional Analysis
- POMS of support

Should you require any more information please feel free to contact Sam Shepard in my office.

Thank you for your attention.

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Con said to  
hear it!  
(JD)*

*Jeannette needs  
to talk to  
Con Bunde  
before hearing  
this  
Anchorage App 2/4/98*



## Public Opinion Messages in support of HB 16

Mr. Edwin G Beu III  
2420 Chinook Ave  
Anchorage AK, 99516 345-0515  
Non Constituent Supports  
BILL#: HB 16 LICENSURE OF ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES  
SUBJECT:  
MESSAGE: SB 20: PLEASE SUPPORT HB 16 AND SB 20 AND ANY FURTHER  
LEGISLATION TO HELP PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR  
THE SERIOUSLY INCAPACITATED CITIZENS IN LONG TERM CARE.  
DISTRIBUTION: 60

Ms. Lisa Caress-Beu  
2420 Chinook Ave  
Anchorage AK, 99516 345-0515  
Non Constituent Supports  
BILL#: HB 16 LICENSURE OF ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES  
SUBJECT:  
MESSAGE: AND SB 20: PLEASE SUPPORT HB 16 AND SB 20 AND ANY FURTHER  
LEGISLATION TO HELP PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR  
THE SERIOUSLY INCAPACITATED CITIZENS IN LONG TERM CARE.  
DISTRIBUTION: 60

Mr. Martin Caress  
PO Box 76  
Cantwell AK, 99729 768-2492  
Non Constituent Supports  
BILL#: SB 20 LICENSURE OF ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES  
SUBJECT:  
MESSAGE: PLEASE SUPPORT SB 20 AND HB 16 AND ANY FURTHER  
LEGISLATION TO HELP PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR  
ALASKA'S ELDERS AND SERIOUSLY INCAPACITATED SENIOR CITIZENS IN  
LONG TERM CARE.  
DISTRIBUTION: 60

Mr. Edward H Caress  
15320 Pollock Dr  
Anchorage AK, 99516 345-2252  
Non Constituent Supports  
BILL#: SB 20 LICENSURE OF ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES  
SUBJECT:  
MESSAGE: PLEASE SUPPORT SB 20 AND HB 16 AND ANY FURTHER  
LEGISLATION TO HELP PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR  
ALASKAN ELDERS.  
DISTRIBUTION: 60

Ms. Emely Dubeau  
9480 Morningside Lp #202  
Anchorage AK, 99515 349-0315  
Non Constituent Supports  
BILL#: SB 20 LICENSURE OF ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES  
SUBJECT:  
MESSAGE: HB 16: PLEASE SUPPORT THESE BILLS AND ANY FURTHER  
LEGISLATION TO HELP PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR  
ALASKA'S ELDERLY.  
DISTRIBUTION: 60

Mrs. Harriet M Hansen  
9480 Morningside Lp #110  
Anchorage AK, 99515 522-9556  
Non Constituent Supports  
BILL#: SB 20 LICENSURE OF ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES  
SUBJECT:  
MESSAGE: PLEASE SUPPORT SB 20 AND HB 16.  
DISTRIBUTION: 60

Mrs. Elinor Miller  
442 Lynnwood Dr  
Anchorage AK, 99518 562-5918  
Non Constituent Supports  
BILL#: SB 20 LICENSURE OF ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES  
SUBJECT:  
MESSAGE: HB 16: PLEASE SUPPORT SB 20 AND HB 16.  
DISTRIBUTION: 60

Mr. James E Gallagher  
6904 Mink Ave  
Anchorage AK, 99504 261-3237  
Non Constituent Supports  
BILL#: HB 16 LICENSURE OF ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES  
SUBJECT:  
MESSAGE: SB 20: PLEASE DO SUPPORT THESE TWO BILLS. (PLEASE NOTE:  
MR. GALLAGHER SAID CORRECT STREET WAS MINK PLACE)  
DISTRIBUTION: 60

Ms. Peggy Caress  
15320 Pollock Dr  
Anchorage AK, 99516 345-2252  
Non Constituent Supports  
BILL#: SB 20 LICENSURE OF ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES  
SUBJECT:  
MESSAGE: & HB 16. PLEASE SUPPORT THESE TWO BILLS, THEY NEED TO BE  
BACK UNDER FEDERAL GUIDELINES.  
DISTRIBUTION: 60

Mrs. Elba N Hinson  
338 S Klevin St  
Anchorage AK, 99508 333-9090  
Non Constituent Supports  
BILL#: SB 20 LICENSURE OF ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES  
SUBJECT:  
MESSAGE: PLEASE SUPPORT TO MOVE THE ASSISTED LIVING TO HEALTH AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES AND TO SUPPORT OTHER FUTURE BILLS TO PROTECT THE  
WELL-BEING OF OUR SENIOR CITIZENS. PLEASE SUPPORT SB 20 AND HB 16.  
DISTRIBUTION: 60

Ms. Lyndel M Brady  
2141 Tudor Hills Dr  
Anchorage AK, 99507 561-0663  
Non Constituent Supports  
BILL#: SB 20 LICENSURE OF ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES  
SUBJECT:  
MESSAGE: PLEASE SUPPORT SB 20 AND HB 16.  
DISTRIBUTION: 60

Ms. Dorothy L Walters  
2701 Wesleyan Dr  
Anchorage AK, 99508 384-1821  
Non Constituent Supports  
BILL#: SB 20 LICENSURE OF ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES  
SUBJECT:

MESSAGE: PLEASE SUPPORT SE 20 AND HB 16. PUBLIC APPEAL TO ALL  
LEGISLATORS TO HELP PROTECT QUALITY OF LIFE OF ELDERS AND SERIOUS  
INCAPACITATED SENIOR CITIZENS AND LONG-TERM CARE BY HAVING ALL  
SERVICES REGULATED. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.  
DISTRIBUTION: 60

Mr. David E Calvert  
205 E Dimond Blvd #444  
Anchorage AK, 99515 522-7540  
Non Constituent Supports  
BILL#: SB 20 LICENSURE OF ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES  
SUBJECT:  
MESSAGE: PLEASE SUPPORT SB 20 AND HB 16 AND THE ELDER.  
DISTRIBUTION: 60

Ms. Laura G Goggins  
PO Box 230002  
Anchorage AK, 99523 562-3335  
Non Constituent Supports  
BILL#: SB 20 LICENSURE OF ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES  
SUBJECT:  
MESSAGE: PLEASE SUPPORT SB 20 AND HB 16.  
DISTRIBUTION: 60

Ms. Sue L Ridling  
3820 E 72nd Ave  
Anchorage AK, 99507 330-8117  
Non Constituent  
BILL#:  
SUBJECT: BUDGET  
MESSAGE: I AM OPPOSED TO AN INCOME TAX, TAPPING THE PERMANENT FUND  
OR ADOPTING GASOLINE TAXES. LEGISLATORS AND THE GOVERNOR NEED TO  
BRING GOVERNMENT SPENDING IN WITH AVAILABLE DOLLARS AND STOP  
BOWING TO SPECIAL INTEREST. IF THE STATE DOESN'T HAVE THE MONEY,  
DON'T FUND THE SERVICE TO THE SAME LEVEL.  
DISTRIBUTION: 60

Ms. Melissa Beu  
PO Box 469  
Girdwood AK, 99587 783-3117  
Non Constituent Supports  
BILL#: SB 20 LICENSURE OF ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES  
SUBJECT:  
MESSAGE: PLEASE SUPPORT HB 16 AND SB 20 AND ANY FURTHER  
LEGISLATION TO HELP PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR  
THE SERIOUSLY INCAPACITATED CITIZENS IN LONG-TERM CARE.  
DISTRIBUTION: 60

Mr. Rick Blodgett  
PO Box 532  
Teller AK, 99778 642-3261  
Non Constituent Supports  
BILL#: SB 20 LICENSURE OF ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES  
SUBJECT:  
MESSAGE: & HB 16. PLEASE SUPPORT THESE BILLS AND ANY OTHER  
LEGISLATION THAT SHOULD COME ALONG THAT WOULD ENHANCE THE CARE OF  
THOSE PIONEERS OF OUR GREAT STATE. I BELIEVE THAT THE DIRECTION OF  
THESE BILLS IS THE PROPER DIRECTION FOR A START.  
DISTRIBUTION: 60

Mr. Edwin G Beu Jr  
PO Box 102072  
Anchorage AK, 99510 333-2200  
Non Constituent Supports  
BILL#: SB 20 LICENSURE OF ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES  
SUBJECT:  
MESSAGE: PLEASE SB 20 AND HB 16 AND ANY FURTHER LEGISLATION TO  
HELP PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALASKAN SENIORS  
AND RADICALLY INCAPACITATED ELDERS IN LONG-TERM CARE.  
DISTRIBUTION: 60

Ms. Elva A Travis  
1218 E 19th Ave #D307  
Anchorage AK, 99501 276-2856  
Non Constituent Supports  
BILL#: SB 20 LICENSURE OF ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES  
SUBJECT:  
MESSAGE: PLEASE SUPPORT SB 20 AND HB 16.  
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Ms. Raeanne Caress  
PO Box 76  
Cantwell AK, 99729 000-0000  
Non Constituent Supports  
BILL#: SB 20 LICENSURE OF ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES  
SUBJECT:  
MESSAGE: AND HB 16.. PLEASE PROTECT ALASKA'S SENIORS.  
DISTRIBUTION: 60

Ms. Francena Salvage  
18722 Guillemot Cir  
Anchorage AK, 99516 345-4444  
Non Constituent Supports  
BILL#: SB 20 LICENSURE OF ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES  
SUBJECT:  
MESSAGE: & HB 16. PLEASE SUPPORT THESE BILLS.  
DISTRIBUTION: 60

Ms. Peggy E Bohannon  
PO Box 110388  
Anchorage AK, 99511 345-6857  
Non Constituent Supports  
BILL#: SB 20 LICENSURE OF ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES  
SUBJECT:  
MESSAGE: PLEASE SUPPORT SB 20 AND HB 16 AND ANY FURTHER  
LEGISLATION TO HELP PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR  
ALASKA'S ELDERLY.  
DISTRIBUTION: 60

Ms. Mary Segelhorst  
3115 Princeton Wy  
Anchorage AK, 99508 277-6835  
Non Constituent Supports  
BILL#: SB 20 LICENSURE OF ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES  
SUBJECT:  
MESSAGE: PLEASE SUPPORT HB 16 AND SB 20.  
DISTRIBUTION: 60

Mr. N E Segelhorst  
3115 Princeton Wy  
Anchorage AK, 99508 277-6835  
Non Constituent Supports  
BILL#: SB 20 LICENSURE OF ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES  
SUBJECT:  
MESSAGE: PLEASE SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING: HB 16 AND SB 20. THIS IS IN  
THE BEST INTEREST FOR THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE PROBLEM.  
DISTRIBUTION: 60

Ms. Cindy L Kirsch  
401 Dailey Ave #4  
Anchorage AK, 99515 269-8731

Non Constituent Supports

BILL#: HB 16 LICENSURE OF ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

SUBJECT:

MESSAGE: PLEASE SUPPORT HB 16 AND SB 20 AND ANY FURTHER  
LEGISLATION TO HELP PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR  
THE SERIOUSLY INCAPACITATED CITIZENS IN LONG-TERM CARE.

DISTRIBUTION: 60

Ms. Mary Jane Margeson  
1401 W 13th Ave  
Anchorage AK, 99501 278-9275

Non Constituent Supports

BILL#: SB 20 LICENSURE OF ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

SUBJECT:

MESSAGE: AND HB 16: I STRONGLY SUPPORT THESE BILLS TO OFFER  
INCREASED PROTECTION TO MY FATHER WHO SUFFERS FROM ALZHEIMERS IN  
THE PIONEERS HOME. THESE BILLS WILL OFFER SAFETY CURRENTLY LACKING  
AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL ALASKANS.

DISTRIBUTION: 60

# RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR CORRECTIONAL WORKERS

Assumption that start pay is \$30,000

	COLA@1.5%	Annual Salary	Retirement Rate	Annual	Accumulated	Monthly
				Accrued Retirement	Retirement	Retirement Pay
Year 1	Start Pay	\$ 30,000.00	2.00%	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 50.00
Year 2	\$ 450.00	\$ 30,450.00	2.00%	\$ 609.00	\$ 1,209.00	\$ 100.75
Year 3	\$ 456.75	\$ 30,906.75	2.00%	\$ 618.14	\$ 1,827.14	\$ 152.26
Year 4	\$ 463.60	\$ 31,370.35	2.00%	\$ 627.41	\$ 2,454.54	\$ 204.55
Year 5	\$ 470.56	\$ 31,840.91	2.00%	\$ 636.82	\$ 3,091.36	\$ 257.61
Year 6	\$ 477.61	\$ 32,318.52	2.00%	\$ 646.37	\$ 3,737.73	\$ 311.48
Year 7	\$ 484.78	\$ 32,803.30	2.00%	\$ 656.07	\$ 4,393.80	\$ 366.15
Year 8	\$ 492.05	\$ 33,295.35	2.00%	\$ 665.91	\$ 5,059.70	\$ 421.64
Year 9	\$ 499.43	\$ 33,794.78	2.00%	\$ 675.90	\$ 5,735.60	\$ 477.97
Year 10	\$ 506.92	\$ 34,301.70	2.00%	\$ 686.03	\$ 6,421.63	\$ 535.14
Year 11	\$ 514.53	\$ 34,816.22	2.25%	\$ 783.37	\$ 7,205.00	\$ 600.42
Year 12	\$ 522.24	\$ 35,338.47	2.25%	\$ 795.12	\$ 8,000.11	\$ 666.68
Year 13	\$ 530.08	\$ 35,868.55	2.25%	\$ 807.04	\$ 8,807.16	\$ 733.93
Year 14	\$ 538.03	\$ 36,406.57	2.25%	\$ 819.15	\$ 9,626.30	\$ 802.19
Year 15	\$ 546.10	\$ 36,952.67	2.25%	\$ 831.44	\$ 10,457.74	\$ 871.48
Year 16	\$ 554.29	\$ 37,506.96	2.25%	\$ 843.91	\$ 11,301.65	\$ 941.80
Year 17	\$ 562.60	\$ 38,069.57	2.25%	\$ 856.57	\$ 12,158.21	\$ 1,013.18
Year 18	\$ 571.04	\$ 38,640.61	2.25%	\$ 869.41	\$ 13,027.62	\$ 1,085.64
Year 19	\$ 579.61	\$ 39,220.22	2.25%	\$ 882.45	\$ 13,910.08	\$ 1,159.17
Year 20	\$ 588.30	\$ 39,808.52	2.25%	\$ 895.69	\$ 14,805.77	\$ 1,233.81
Year 21	\$ 597.13	\$ 40,405.65	2.50%	\$ 1,010.14	\$ 15,815.91	\$ 1,317.99
Year 22	\$ 606.08	\$ 41,011.73	2.50%	\$ 1,025.29	\$ 16,841.21	\$ 1,403.43
Year 23	\$ 615.18	\$ 41,626.91	2.50%	\$ 1,040.67	\$ 17,881.88	\$ 1,490.16
Year 24	\$ 624.40	\$ 42,251.31	2.50%	\$ 1,056.28	\$ 18,938.16	\$ 1,578.18
Year 25	\$ 633.77	\$ 42,885.08	2.50%	\$ 1,072.13	\$ 20,010.29	\$ 1,667.52
Year 26	\$ 643.28	\$ 43,528.36	2.50%	\$ 1,088.21	\$ 21,098.50	\$ 1,758.21
Year 27	\$ 652.93	\$ 44,181.29	2.50%	\$ 1,104.53	\$ 22,203.03	\$ 1,850.25
Year 28	\$ 662.72	\$ 44,844.01	2.50%	\$ 1,121.10	\$ 23,324.13	\$ 1,943.68
Year 29	\$ 672.66	\$ 45,516.67	2.50%	\$ 1,137.92	\$ 24,462.05	\$ 2,038.50
Year 30	\$ 682.75	\$ 46,199.42	2.50%	\$ 1,154.99	\$ 25,617.03	\$ 2,134.75
Year 31	\$ 692.99	\$ 46,892.41	2.50%	\$ 1,172.31	\$ 26,789.34	\$ 2,232.45
Year 32	\$ 703.39	\$ 47,595.79	2.50%	\$ 1,189.89	\$ 27,979.24	\$ 2,331.60
Year 33	\$ 713.94	\$ 48,309.73	2.50%	\$ 1,207.74	\$ 29,186.98	\$ 2,432.25
Year 34	\$ 724.65	\$ 49,034.38	2.50%	\$ 1,225.86	\$ 30,412.84	\$ 2,534.40
Year 35	\$ 735.52	\$ 49,769.89	2.50%	\$ 1,244.25	\$ 31,657.09	\$ 2,638.09

**20 yr employee**

3 highest yrs	\$ 39,808.52	1st ten years = 10 X .020 =	\$ 7,844.62
	\$ 39,220.22	2nd ten years = 10 x .0225 =	\$ 8,825.20
	\$ 38,640.61	Total Annual Retirement	\$ 16,669.82
	\$ 117,669.35	Monthly retirement	\$ 1,389.15
divided by three	\$ 39,223.12		

**25 yr employee**

3 highest yrs	\$ 42,885.08	1st ten years = 10 X .020 =	\$ 8,450.89
	\$ 42,251.31	2nd ten years = 10 x .0225 =	\$ 9,507.25
	<u>\$ 41,626.91</u>	Total Annual Retirement	<u>\$ 17,958.13</u>
	\$ 126,763.30	Monthly retirement	\$ 1,496.51
divided by three	\$ 42,254.43		

**30 yr employee**

3 highest yrs	\$ 46,199.42	1st ten years = 10 X .020 =	\$ 9,104.01
	\$ 45,516.67	2nd ten years = 10 x .0225 =	\$ 10,242.01
	<u>\$ 44,844.01</u>	Total Annual Retirement	<u>\$ 19,346.01</u>
	\$ 136,560.10	Monthly retirement	\$ 1,612.17
divided by three	\$ 45,520.03		

**35 yr employee**

3 highest yrs	\$ 49,769.89	1st ten years = 10 X .020 =	\$ 9,807.60
	\$ 49,034.38	2nd ten years = 10 x .0225 =	\$ 11,033.55
	<u>\$ 48,309.73</u>	Total Annual Retirement	<u>\$ 20,841.15</u>
	\$ 147,114.00	Monthly retirement	\$ 1,736.76
divided by three	\$ 49,038.00		

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House State Affairs

Committee on **HB 16**

Committee Name  
Dated April 20, 1999

Bill / Subject

The Alzheimer's Association Alaska Chapter would like to support House Bill 16. The Association feels it is a conflict of interest to have the Division of Senior Services license the Pioneer Homes and the Division of Alaska Longevity Services operate and budget the Homes as well as other assisted living homes.

Assisted Living is the caregiving environment of choice for those suffering with Alzheimer's Disease and related dementia's, and no longer able to live in their own home environment. We feel there will be a growing need for these types of homes with an increased need for good and consistent licensing and standards of care.

SIGNED:

*Mary H. Weymiller, Board Member*  
Testifier

Representing the Alzheimer's Association  
Alaska Chapter  
240 E. Tudor Road  
Suite 110  
Anchorage, AK. 99503  
907-561-3313

**TO:** REPRESENTATIVE JEANETTE JAMES  
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS  
FAX (907) 465-2381

**FROM:** LESLEE OREBAUGH, ADM.  
PARKSIDE ASSISTED LIVING, INC.  
VOICE (907) 276-5593  
FAX (907) 276-5583

**DATE:** APRIL 21, 1999

**SUBJECT:** HB 16

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**Message to Receiver:**

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## Parkside

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April 20, 1999

House State Affairs

RE: HB 16 Licensure of Assisted Living Facilities

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I would like you to think long and hard about HB 16. While I agree with Ms. Purdy's desire to see a continuity of standards for licensing, the "where it should go" bothers me greatly.

Why do you want to fix something that is "basically" not broken?

Why are we frantically searching for "just that right place" to put the assisted living licensing?

Assisted Living is a very young and fragile industry that is just beginning to blossom. And, the Division of Senior Services has helped nurture this industry. However, we still have so very far to go. By moving the licensing portion of assisted living at this time may just break the spirit we have all worked hard to develop.

Until the Pioneer Homes made the front pages of the newspaper with its many ailments, there was not this paranoia. I suggest that you fix your problem, not assisted living.

Pioneer Homes is the problem. It has taxes the budget of DSS. Pioneer Homes is in direct competition with the rest of us, makes far more money than we do, and yet sucks the very life from us all. I do not believe that government should be in direct competition with private enterprise. I would suggest to you that perhaps you might consider selling or leasing your precious Pioneer Homes to a major corporation such as the Marriot Hotels, Lutheran Homes, Providence Health Systems, etc. Bare minimum, return the Pioneer Homes to skilled nursing where it belongs. The State moved Pioneer Homes into the Assisted Living Home arena to make more money. In so doing, you ignored your constituents. And, it would appear from the articles in the newspaper you ignored your residents.

Moving Assisted Living Home Licensing to Skilled Nursing Facilities is NOT the answer. I refuse to believe that Assisted Living Homes can cohabitate with SNF's and not have severe changes made in Assisted Living over the next few years, if nothing else, in attitudes alone. We are not a "Facility." We are "home."

A Member of the  
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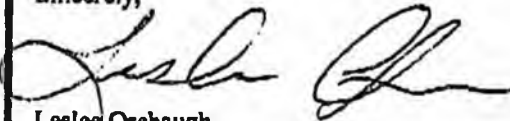
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*Parkside*  
*Assisted Living, Inc.*

There is some talk of moving the assisted living homes currently licensed with DMHDD into DSS, with the exception of the homes over 15 beds. Those homes would be moved to the SNF area. I support consolidation, even encourage consolidation; the Tag Committee which helped form these laws did not intend a split such as this. But again, this idea is truly unacceptable! Homes over 15 beds belong with their smaller sister homes. Parkside is NOT a facility, NOT an institution. We are 16 beds and yet we are a "home like setting." I invite you to visit us at any time, on any day — do not call, drop in, introduce yourself, and tell the staff you would like a tour. Please visit with Providence Horizon House and their "home-like setting." They are quite different from us, yet they to have been able to maintain a "home-like setting." We have been able to stay away from institutional living and yet careful to stay within the state laws and guidelines. Do not penalize us for the State's problems. Instead give us the tools we need to work with. Leave licensing alone.

Sincerely,



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COMMENTS: I was happy to testify, but cannot  
tomorrow. Please accept this letter concerning  
#Bike. There are many issues.


I have included a flyer on a public  
forum about assisted living if you  
happen to be in the neighborhood!

Thank you  
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April 21, 1999

Representative Jeannette James, Chair  
House State Affairs Committee  
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Dear Representative James and House State Affairs Committee Members:

HB 16 is coming up for consideration by your committee. As director of Providence Horizon House, assisted living for the elderly, I would like to make comment on this proposed bill.

First, I would like to say that I believe the author and supporters of the bill mean well. We all support the oversight of a business that deals with the physically and mentally disabled and frail elderly. However, we must be thoughtful about the type of oversight and where the oversight is located to make sure this new housing industry blossoms and remains under the social model of delivery of services versus the medical model. This business can be safe without becoming overburdened with regulations, surveyors and the self-perpetuating paperwork the nursing home industry is straining under.

Assisted living did not come into existence in the State of Alaska until July of 1995. It has been available in the Lower '48 for many years. This business gives people an opportunity to live in a non-medical, home-like setting. The social model, giving people a choice in their lifestyle is one of the main tenets of assisted living. If HB 16 is supported, it will change the nature of the business by its very placement with those who survey home health agencies and nursing homes. This can do irreparable harm to this blossoming business. Orientation, training and a review of the impact the Medicaid waiver programs have had on the assisted living business would be a far better way of improving this system than hiring more surveyors.

At a time when we are scrutinizing the high cost of government, it seems wasteful to spend \$904,000 + on an oversight system which is in a state of flux due in large part because of the Pioneer's Homes. We, as Alaskans, need to clearly review the State of Alaska being in a business which competes with the private sector. If there is a conflict of interest with licensing being located in the Department of Administration, it is because of the Pioneer's Home system. Must we wrench around the entire assisted living business to suit the State being in the same business?

These same issues are reflected in the child foster care system. As a former CPS and licensing worker, I had a problem with the licensing agent and consumer being within one state agency. Ombudsman Purdy is well aware of this problem within the adult system. But licensing of all homes needs to be addressed. HB 16 is an attempt at a quick fix with a big price tag for only the adult assisted living business. What about the kids?

Please do not recommend that HB16 go forward. We need a thorough examination of the assisted living business and the likely impact placing surveyors for this business in with skilled nursing services. We need to consider all licensing of homes for adults and children.

Assisted living is a market driven business and can be very cost effective for the state and the individual resident. Please, let us not oversee with medical eyes. Let the licensing for these unique housing alternatives remain with the Division of Senior Services until we can figure out the problems and solutions on a statewide basis. To assign medical model surveyors for this business will cause great expense to the State, the industry and eventually to the consumer.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me at 261-4140.

Thank you for this opportunity to address this issue. Good luck in all your difficult deliberations.

Respectfully,



Sue H. Samct, M.SW  
Director

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April 13, 1999

Representative Jeannette James, Chair  
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State Capitol  
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*Re: HB 16 – Relocation of Assisted Living Home Licensing*

Dear Representative James:

This letter is written in **support of the passage of HB 16**. This legislation would consolidate the assisted living home licensing functions currently administered in two different departments. This legislation places the licensing function under one supervisor and in one unit. This unit, Health Facility Licensing and Certification, currently licenses a large portion of long term care services: nursing homes and home health.

There are approximately 90 assisted living homes licensed by the Division of Senior Services in the Department of Administration (DSS). There are approximately 125 assisted living homes licensed by the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities in the Department of Health and Social Services (DMH/DD). The statutes and regulations currently are applied inconsistently even though the statutory authority for all assisted living homes is AS 47.33.

The current placement of assisted living home licensing in DSS raises an issue of conflict of interest since the Pioneers' Homes are also located in the Department of Administration. There are other programs that may also cause an appearance of or actual conflict of interest. Licensing must not have the appearance of favoring some assisted living homes because of their willingness to accept low income clients, clients from an institution or special needs residents. The programs of the department in which they are housed should not influence licensors. Licensing actions ensure compliance with uniform minimal standards of safety, quality of care and quality of life for people who use the services.

People using assisted living homes will be better served by placing assisted living home licensors with the licensors for nursing home and home health licensors. By consolidating the functions in one unit, all staff will receive similar training. The licensors for all of these long term care services will have a better understanding of the continuum of long term care service delivery: medical and social model. There is a higher

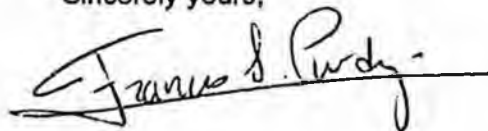
likelihood for up-to-date information to be disseminated throughout the system, e.g. restraint reduction and prevention, medication administration, appropriate activities delivery, and respect for resident's rights and quality of life.

The fiscal note attached to this bill should be closely reevaluated. There are 1.5 to 2 licensing personnel in DMH/DD and 4 to 5 licensing personnel in DSS. The fiscal note should transfer these 5.5 - 7 FTE and separately address an increase to this staffing level. If new staff is needed to recruit or develop new assisted living homes or train current assisted living home owners, this should not be done with staff or funds identified for licensing assisted living homes. While it also may be desirable to change the method for inspection and monitoring assisted living homes, that change should not be included with this legislation. It is more reasonable to transfer the current licensing function and enforce the current statutes and regulations. Later, if new regulations or statutes must be developed then a fiscal impact for that change can be brought forward. The fiscal note should only address the cost of physically moving the licensing function, not enlarging or changing it.

Effective licensing provides compliance with minimal standards, the lowest standards permissible according to law. This legislation is necessary in order to provide timely, consistent and impartial enforcement of current assisted living homes statutes and regulations. Alaskans who choose or need to reside in assisted living homes need to be assured that at least the lowest standards permissible are being enforced!

Please call on me if I can provide more information to you on this topic.

Sincerely yours,



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April 12, 1999

Representative Jeanette James, Chair

House State Affairs Committee

Juneau, AK 99801

For distribution to the members of the House State Affairs Committee:

I am unable to attend the hearing on HB16 on April 13, 1999 at 8:00am but would like to send my testimony to be considered.

In my opinion, HB16 represents a needed change within the licensing and enforcement system of the Pioneers' Homes and other Assisted Living Homes within Alaska. Currently statutes and regulations are frequently not enforced, violations are not issued and investigations are unproductive, even when they are enforced, it is not done uniformly or on a timely basis. The licensing division of Health and Social Services is experienced in enforcement of the more established nursing home statutes and regulations. This experience would be helpful in increasing the effectiveness of Assisted Living Home licensing. The dual housing of these two offices seems a logical step for proper administration.

Senior citizens of Alaska, particularly those in long term care facilities, deserve careful consideration of their plight. Vulnerable adults would benefit greatly from a more effective licensing and enforcement division to protect and oversee their conditions of care.

Representative Croft, along with Senator Ellis, has investigated the current system and found that changes are needed. Senators Ward, Wilken, Green and others have held hearings and have found that licensing violations certainly have not been issued to the Pioneers' Homes. Please support these needed changes by passage of this bill.

Sincerely,



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April 12, 1999

**HEARING HOUSE BILL 16, SENATE BILL 20**

I am in favor of changing the licensing and enforcement system of assisted living homes from the Department of Administration to Health and Social Services. The current state licensing enforcement system is not working for the state-owned Pioneer Home. My father, a resident at the Anchorage Pioneer Home has experienced 6 assaults and 6 falls in a year - his right to safety as a vulnerable adult has been violated on numerous occasions. Yet, the Pioneer Home has not been issued any safety violations. Last month I read the Ombudsman's report on Golden Years - licensing was quick to review and issue violations for this privately owned facility - in fact their review and recommendation for hiring more staff took a month. It seems Licensing can quickly handle complaints in small privately owned facilities but not the state owned mega-structured Pioneer Home. I filed complaints on 2 of my dad's assaults in December with Licensing, and have not received a response because I am told the Licensing Dept is short-staffed - this is true. But, it is also true that Licensing is part of Administration, as is the Pioneer Home - can the judge fairly convict his son in court? My father's assault was in the newspaper - Licensing did not call and investigate last summer when the assault occurred; the Pioneer Home did not report the assault; in fact the Pioneer Home failed to tell me about 2 of my dad's previous assaults until I finally obtained his records with the help of the Attorney General.

Licensing has failed to respond to the Ombudsman's Report of Oct. 1998 regarding the Pioneer Home Pharmacy. Not only does this report illustrate numerous safety issues, but also the violation of a resident's right to choose his own medical provider.

My dad's falls and assaults were financially as well as emotionally costly, and since his insurance did not cover the costs he will be looking at using stipend funds quicker. Furnishing and funding a good authority to investigate and enforce health-safety licensing violations is good risk management - one wrongful death suit from short-staffing could be more costly than funding this bill.

Our vulnerable Seniors need protection now. I was appalled to read that 75% of the residents in the nursing wing of our Anchorage Assisted Living home experience restraints whereas only 10% of acute care nursing home residents are restrained. I was encouraged to read that nursing homes want to reduce restraint use to 5%. Nursing Homes are supervised by Health and Social Services; we should move our licensing to their division and hire enough staff to police our home and protect our vulnerable adults. **WE MUST MAKE THIS CHANGE A UNITED NON-PARTISAN EFFORT TO PROTECT OUR ALASKAN ELDERS - MEN AND WOMAN PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY HANDICAPPED DO NOT DESERVE ASSAULTS OR ABUSE** - they need to be allowed to die with love, dignity, and good care - they deserve the same respect and carefully budgeting we give our vulnerable children. I ask you to please work with this bill - we need it now - we need immediate over-sight with enough staff to advocate for Seniors in our Pioneer Homes.

*Marty Margeson*

**Number of Assisted Living Homes Per District**

District	# of Homes
1	2
2	2
3	6
4	1
5	0
6	0
7	9
8	7
9	0
10	8
11	13
12	9
13	6
14	2
15	3
16	8
17	7
18	3
19	10
20	5
21	8
22	13
23	6
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39	5
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# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
1999 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 16

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: Licensure of Assisted Living Facilities  
Sponsor: Representative Croft  
Requestor: (H) STA

Department Affected: Administration  
BRU: Senior Services  
Component: Protection, Community Services, & Administration  
COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 2083

Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)  
Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
PERSONAL SERVICES	(72.3)					
TRAVEL	0.0					
CONTRACTUAL	(5.0)					
SUPPLIES	(0.8)					
EQUIPMENT	0.0					
LAND & STRUCTURES	0.0					
GRANTS, CLAIMS	0.0					
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>(78.1)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	(78.1)					
1005 GF/Program Receipts	0.0					
1037 GF/Mental Health	0.0					
OTHER						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(78.1)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY 99) cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	-1.5					
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

**ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)**

The Division of Senior Services currently licenses 90 assisted living homes. The statute change would remove responsibility for licensing and investigation from the Department of Administration. The Division has 1.5 FTE positions available currently for that function. This would move the responsibility to the Department of Health and Social Services. The Division of Senior Services would continue to be responsible for Assisted Living technical assistance and development of assisted living homes statewide for all homes who support the elderly and adults with physical disabilities.

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BILL NO HB 16

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Health and Social Services  
 Title: Transfer assisted living licensure to the Dept. of Health & Social Services BRU: Medical Assistance Admin  
 Sponsor: Representative Croft Component: Certification & Licensing  
 Requestor: House (STA) COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 245  
 See also (SN#): \_\_\_\_\_

Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING	FY2000	FY2001	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005
PERSONAL SERVICES	554.6	554.6	554.6	554.6	554.6	554.6
TRAVEL	94.9	113.8	136.6	163.9	196.7	236.1
CONTRACTUAL	166.7	67.3	68.6	70.1	71.9	74.1
SUPPLIES	24.8	29.8	35.7	42.9	51.5	61.8
EQUIPMENT	63.6	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
LAND & STRUCTURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
GRANTS, CLAIMS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
MISCELLANEOUS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>904.6</b>	<b>766.5</b>	<b>796.5</b>	<b>832.5</b>	<b>875.7</b>	<b>927.6</b>
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CHANGES IN REVENUES (	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

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1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	904.6	766.5	796.5	832.5	875.7	927.6
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Estimate of any current year (FY1999) cost: \$0.0

**POSITIONS:**

FULL-TIME	9	9	9	9	9	9
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The fiscal impact on Health Facilities Licensing & Certification would be considerable with the transfer of all assisted living licensure. There are 225 assisted living homes (ALH) with a current growth rate of 20%. Licenses presently are good for 2 years. Under current regulations, ALH homes with 1-2 beds are not required to have a license, but may request a "Voluntary License." ALH homes with 3 beds or greater must have a license. Licensure inspections are generally done biennially with a sample inspected on an annual bases.

Calculations for this FN assumes a need for increased oversight of ALHs. In light of this, it is anticipated that licensure surveys (inspections) would be conducted annually on all ALHs including the 1-2 bed homes with voluntary licenses of which there are 78.

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**ANALYSIS (cont.):****Personal Service needs are calculated as follows:**

6 Health Facilities Surveyor I positions (Range 18);  
1 Health Facilities Surveyor II (Supervisor Range 20)  
1 Administrative Clerk III  
1 Administrative Assistant I

The Health Facilities Surveyor I and II positions are based on the estimated hours required to perform annual surveys including follow up visits to ensure compliance following a standard licensure survey, initial surveys of new AL homes, background check implementation and complaint investigations. Total required surveyor hours including travel and office time is estimated to be about 10,150. One FTE is estimated to have 1,450 available hours annually after subtracting holidays and minimal annual and sick leave.

Recommended professional surveyors would include Social Workers or equivalent and Registered Nurses. This mix is based on a national survey of survey agencies which license both ALHs and nursing homes. All these states use RNs for survey activities and some utilize social workers to complement the teams.

It is estimated that the Administrator would require at least 35% of his time to this program. This was included in salaries and benefits. Additionally, because this would result in a 75% increase in workload and responsibility for the administrator, and at the suggestion of the DMA Director, costs related to a reclassification of this position up one range was factored in.

**Travel expenditures were calculated as follows:**

AL homes were divided into 3 categories. The following represents the estimated average number of days required for each category and the estimated number of surveyors required.

Beds	Number of homes	Average survey days	Est. # of surveyors
1-15 beds	200 homes	1.73 days	1.2
16-50 beds	15 homes	3.5 days	2.3
51-> beds	5 homes	4.5 days	3.25

Survey activities include annual survey of all homes, initial surveys, follow up survey, and complaint investigations. Travel costs were calculated on actual airfare, lodging, car rental and per diem costs to the locations of each home. Administrative travel is based on an estimated 5 program related annual trips to Juneau.

Travel cost increases for FY2001 through FY2005 were based on the 20% growth rate.

**Contractual costs**

Contractual costs for FY2000 include required relocation of HFL&C. New office Space was based on a cost of \$1.85/sq. ft./month. It would be necessary to relocate HFL&C, including existing staff. This would require new office space for the 20 employees for a total need of 5150 sq. ft. This is a one time cost of \$100,100.

Additional one time expenses related to relocation include:

- \* Computer system connectivity - \$10,000
- \* Computer system wiring/Lan installation - \$1,500

**ANALYSIS (cont.):****Additional contractual costs include:**

- \* Office space - \$60,922 (Current office space costs were subtracted from estimated total)
- \* Maintenance/repair of office equipment - \$1,353
- \* Office copier/equipment rental - \$3,505
- \* Insurance & Bonds, Risk Management

The additional contractual cost increases for FY2001 through FY2005 were based on the 20% growth rate.

**Supplies estimated for FY2000 include:**

- \* Communication/postage - \$15,342 (based on a percentage of current costs multiplied by the increase % of staff required)
- \* Supplies - \$6,317 (based on a percentage of current costs multiplied by the increase % of staff required)
- \* Printing/binding/subscriptions - \$3,158 (based on a percentage of current costs multiplied by the increase % of staff required)

Supply cost increases for FY2001 through FY2005 were based on the 20% growth rate.

**Equipment costs include:**

- \* Computers (work stations) - \$22,500 (one time expense)
- \* Computers (laptop for onsite reports) - \$7,611 (one time expense)
- \* Server - \$15,000 (one time expense)
- \* Battery Backup/UPS/HUB - \$5,000 (one time expense)

Equipment costs for FY2001 through FY2005 were estimated at a minimum \$1,000/year.

These estimates represent resources that would be expected in order to run an effective ALH licensure program, and to ensure ALHs are providing safe and adequate services. It provides for necessary complaint investigations.

**Fees**

Licensure fees if collected would not be expected to offset expenditures by much. Licensure fees currently collected by DMHDD and Senior Services would be estimated to bring the following if annual licensure was required:

Annual application fees	- \$14,175
Additional bed fees	- \$24,500
Total	- \$38,675

This does not include any fees paid by voluntary licensed ALHs.

This Fiscal Note does not include program receipts as a funding source.

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
1999 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 16

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Health and Social Services  
 Title: Transfer assisted living licensure to the BRU: Institutions and Administration  
Department of Health and Social Services Component: Mental Health/DD Admin  
 Sponsor: Croft COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 310  
 Requestor: State Affairs, HES See also (SN#): \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenditures/Revenues:**

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05
PERSONAL SERVICES	(25.0)	(25.0)	(25.0)	(25.0)	(25.0)	(25.0)
TRAVEL	(5.1)	(5.1)	(5.1)	(5.1)	(5.1)	(5.1)
CONTRACTUAL	(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>(35.1)</b>	<b>(35.1)</b>	<b>(35.1)</b>	<b>(35.1)</b>	<b>(35.1)</b>	<b>(35.1)</b>

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**FUND SOURCE**

(Thousands of Dollars)

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1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts	(10.1)	(10.1)	(10.1)	(10.1)	(10.1)	(10.1)
1037 GF/Mental Health	(25.0)	(25.0)	(25.0)	(25.0)	(25.0)	(25.0)
Other (please specify)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(35.1)</b>	<b>(35.1)</b>	<b>(35.1)</b>	<b>(35.1)</b>	<b>(35.1)</b>	<b>(35.1)</b>

**POSITIONS:**

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME	-1					
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of any current year (FY99) cost: \$0.0

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

In FY95, the Division received \$100.0 through Ch 130 SLA 1994 for implementation of SB 249 - Regulation of Assisted Living Homes. The funds were appropriated into the MHDD Administration component. In FY96, \$10.1 of program receipt authority was awarded to receive and expend the licensing fees collected in support of the program. The \$110.1 provides funding for 1.5 FTE positions, a full-time community care licensing specialist and a half-time developmental disabilities program specialist. The total cost of these positions is \$90.0. Travel costs are \$15.0 a year. Another \$5.1 is allocated for training, phone, and supplies. These two positions provide for initial licensing of new homes, renewal of license for existing homes bi-annually, and investigations of allegations of neglect or abuse, as required by regulation.

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**ANALYSIS (cont.):**

The annual licensing on-site reviews also includes technical assistance to assure compliance with regulations and statutes. These positions also work on finding and developing new assisted living homes.

Because assisted living homes serve persons with mental illness or a developmental disability, additional services need to be provided to assure that assisted living home staff have the skills and knowledge needed. Assisted living home administrators and their staff have a wide range of skills and knowledge. In order to be proactive with health and safety issues for division beneficiaries living in assisted living more is required than what would be done by a DMA licensing unit. By moving the licensing function, the technical assistance that the Division provides could be lost.

Two positions, a full-time community care licensing specialist and a half-time developmental disabilities program specialist currently license and monitor the quality of life in over 130 assisted living homes. The types of activities that need to be done to supplement the licensing process are:

1. Education and training in safety matters such as First Aid, CPR, Mandt Training, medication training, decomposition signs in a resident (emotionally/mental), facility management training. Unfortunately there is staff (because of a high turnover and low salary) without knowledge on how to properly work with mentally ill or developmentally disabled consumers.
2. The development of the standards of care and the organization of a team that could apply the standards to the homes during annual visits to assure quality care are needed.
3. Coordination with the Division of Senior Services for providing technical assistance is also needed. There are currently 133 DMHDD assisted living home licenses and 85 licensed homes by the Division of Senior Services. DMHDD has persons with developmental disabilities or mental illness living in Division of Senior Services licensed homes.
4. Annual site reviews are needed to ensure health and safety minimums are in place and that appropriate care is being provided that assures the Quality of Life rights are being met.
5. The development of additional enhanced assisted living homes is needed to assist with the planned downsizing of API.

The DMHDD effort will require retention of the full-time position to handle the volume of work. This position is either a developmental disabilities specialist or a mental health clinician.

This position is at a Range 19, with an estimated salary of \$65.0 and travel budget of \$10.0. A total of \$75.0 of the original \$110.1 will be retained by DMHDD.

DMHDD will transfer the remaining funds to the Division of Medical Assistance to support the half-time position. A total of \$35.1 will be transferred, as described in the Expenditures/Revenues section above.