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Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2016 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	CSSB 147(HSS)
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Identifier: SB147-DHSS-SBPP-1-23-16
 Title: SENIOR BENEFITS PROG. ELIGIBILITY
 Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
 Requester: Senate HSS

Department: Department of Health and Social Services
 Appropriation: Public Assistance
 Allocation: Senior Benefits Payment Program
 OMB Component Number: 2897

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2017 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2017 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits			(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund			(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)
Total	0.0	0.0	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)

Positions

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues

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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2016) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2017) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? Yes
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 06/30/16

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable; initial version.

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Approved By: Sana Efird, Asst. Commissioner, Finance and Management Services	Date: 01/23/16
Agency: Health and Social Services	

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**Analysis**

When the Senior Benefits Program was initially designed, it adopted many of the same eligibility criteria as Alaska's Adult Public Assistance Program. As a result, all Adult Public Assistance recipients are also eligible for Senior Benefits. However, when the Senior Benefits Payment Program was designed, the Adult Public Assistance program's United States citizen and/or qualified alien requirement was overlooked.

Addition of this criterion to the Senior Benefits program would more closely align the two programs.

The change would provide for an overall annual program savings of \$43.2. Since the Division of Public Assistance administers both programs, the change would make the Senior Benefits Payment Program easier to administer. Changes to Title 7 Alaska Administrative Code 47.547 will be necessary to amend the language with the corresponding change in statute.

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Governor Bill Walker
STATE OF ALASKA

January 18, 2016

The Honorable Kevin Meyer
President of the Senate
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 111
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear President Meyer:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill amending eligibility requirements for the Alaska senior benefits payment program.

The bill proposes to add an additional qualifying criterion to the eligibility requirements for the senior benefits payment program. An individual must be either a citizen of the United States or a qualified alien under 8 United States Code 1641, in addition to meeting existing age, state residency, financial and program application criteria. This change would align the eligibility requirements of the Alaska senior benefits payment program with other public assistance programs and allow continued assistance to eligible seniors in a fiscally responsible manner.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Walker".

Bill Walker
Governor

Enclosure

SENATE BILL NO. 147



CS SB 147 Sectional Analysis

Prepared by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services

April 4, 2016

SB 147, "An Act relating to eligibility requirements of the Alaska senior benefits payment program; and providing for an effective date."

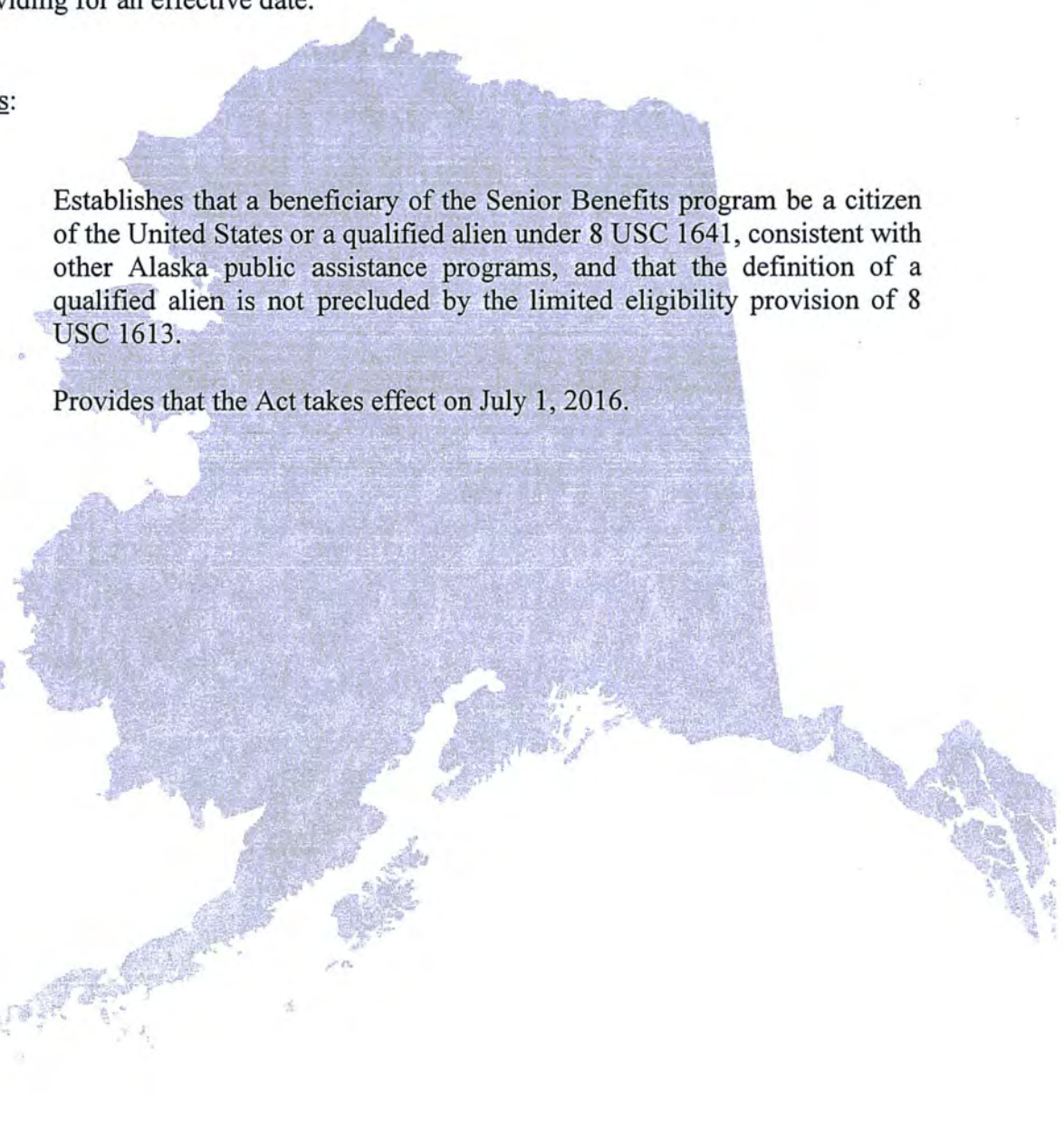
Sectional Analysis:

Section 1

Establishes that a beneficiary of the Senior Benefits program be a citizen of the United States or a qualified alien under 8 USC 1641, consistent with other Alaska public assistance programs, and that the definition of a qualified alien is not precluded by the limited eligibility provision of 8 USC 1613.

Section 2

Provides that the Act takes effect on July 1, 2016.





CS SB 147 Summary of Changes

Prepared by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services

April 4, 2016

SB 147, "An Act relating to eligibility requirements of the Alaska senior benefits payment program; and providing for an effective date."

Summary of Changes between original version (A) and current version (W):

Section 1.

This section originally established that a beneficiary of the Senior Benefits program be a citizen of the United States or a qualified alien under 8 USC 1641, consistent with other Alaska public assistance programs. Version W added that the definition of a qualified alien is not precluded by the limited eligibility provision of 8 USC 1613.

Section 2

No changes.

