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HOUSE BILL 164

PROTECT: VULNERABLE ADULTS/LONG TERM CARE

SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

Section 1 is a technical amendment to AS 47.24.010(a) to update the name of the entity responsible for receiving reports to the department “vulnerable adult centralized intake office”.

Section 2 is a technical amendment to AS 47.24.010(e) to update the name of the entity responsible for receiving reports to the department “vulnerable adult centralized intake office”.

Section 3 amends AS 47.24.013(a) to remove the requirement to forward reports of maltreatment to the Long Term Care Ombudsman’s office. Adds passive language to allow the DHSS to transfer reports for Long Term Care Ombudsman’s investigation as defined under AS.62.015.

Section 4 amends AS 47.24.013(b) to delete reference to DHSS’s obligation to investigate reports for vulnerable adult’s age 60 or less. The Department of Health and Social Services is responsible for reports involving vulnerable adults ages 18 and older.

Section 5 amends AS 47.24.013(d) to remove the Long Term Care Ombudsman’s obligation to mandatorily provide a report to the DHSS Central Intake. Aligns state law with federal law requiring the Long Term Care Ombudsman’s office to only forward information of a complainant or resident with appropriate consent or court order. (45 CFR 1327.11(e)(3)). Amended to reflect current Department of Human and Social Services responsibility for vulnerable adult centralized intake.

Section 6 amends AS 47.24.015(a) to remove reference to reports transferred to the Office of Long Term Care Ombudsman under 47.24.013. Updates legislative language to appropriately reference subjects of reports are vulnerable adults. Removes requirement for face to face interview.

Section 7 amends AS 47.62.015(a) to add language to align state law with federal law by providing the Long Term Care Ombudsman the authority to investigate and resolve a complaint for a person residing in a long term care facility who is not defined as an older Alaska.

Section 8 amends AS 47.62.015(c) to include all residents of a long term care facility.

Section 9 repeals and reenacts AS 47.62.025 to define access to long term care facilities, older Alaskan, and records. Title amended to include all ages of residents of long term care facilities. Section (a) amended to include all ages of residents of long term care facilities. Section (b) amended to include all ages of residents of long term care facilities and amended to allow for consent to be provided by the resident or the resident’s representative or by subpoena.

Section 10 repeals and reenacts AS 47.62.030(b) to include all ages of residents. Amended to allow for disclosures with consent. Adds authority for resident representative to give consent. Amended to align state law with federal law to clarify limited circumstances when the Office of Long Term Care Ombudsman has authority to report resident-identifying information without obtaining resident or resident representative consent.

Section 11 amends AS 47.62.060 to include all ages of residents of long term care facilities.

Section 12 amends AS 47.62.090 to revise the definition of "older Alaskan" as an individual who lives in Alaska since definition of "resident" was added to mean individual living in a long term care facility. Adds new sections to define resident as an individual who resides in a long term care facility and to align state law with federal law to define resident representative and authority the resident representative has to act on behalf of the resident.

Section 13 repeals AS 47.24.010(f), AS 47.24.013(c)(3), and AS 47.24.013(e). AS 47.24.010(f) is repealed as Federal statute and regulations prohibit representatives of the Office Long Term Care Ombudsman from abuse reporting requirements when such reporting would disclose identifying information of a complainant or resident without appropriate consent or court order. (45 CFR 1327.11(e)(3)). Therefor mandatory reporting to the Office of Long Term Care Ombudsman does not fulfill a mandatory reporter's obligation under law to make mandatory reports of maltreatment. AS 47.24.013(c)(3) repeals the requirement for the Office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman to provide results of investigation to the DHSS. OAA Section 712(d)(2)(B) establishes strict disclosure limitations. The Long Term Care Ombudsman program is intended to be a safe, person-centered place for residents to bring their concerns. Residents can be assured that their information will not be disclosed without their consent, the consent of the resident representative, or court order. AS 47.24.013(e) is repealed as the Office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman is not the appropriate agency to officially substantiate abuse or neglect complaints on behalf of DHSS. The Office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman represents the interests of residents, rather than the interests of the DHSS. (See OAA Section 712(a)(3)(E), (a)(5)(B)(iv); 45 CFR 1327.13(a)(5), 1327.19(a)(4)).

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March 7, 2017

The Honorable Bryce Edgmon
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 208
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Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the protection of vulnerable adults and residents of long term care facilities.

This bill would amend provisions of AS 47.62, Office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman, to ensure alignment with 42 U.S.C. 3058(g) (Older Americans Act of 1965), as amended by S. 192, P.L. 114-144, (Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2016), and implementing regulations, 45 C.F.R. Part 1327. The bill would also amend certain provisions of AS 47.24 (protection of vulnerable adults).

Under current State law, if a report of abuse or neglect of an older Alaskan is made directly to the Office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman, the Ombudsman is required to provide the report and the results of the Office's investigation to the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS). This mandate potentially conflicts with federal requirements precluding the Ombudsman from disclosing the report unless there is consent; this bill would clarify that the Ombudsman may provide a report of abuse to DHSS, but only if the vulnerable adult provides consent to do so. The bill also would clarify that DHSS has the responsibility to investigate all reports of harm it receives regarding vulnerable adults and that DHSS may transfer reports to the Ombudsman for additional assistance in resolving any issues for residents in long term care facilities. The Ombudsman also would have discretion to investigate and resolve complaints for residents of facilities who are younger than 60 years of age, consistent with federal law.

Under current law, the Ombudsman may not disclose the person's identity without the consent of the identified person or the person's legal guardian, unless required by court order. Amendments, consistent with federal law, would allow the Ombudsman to disclose the person's identity for purposes of making a referral to an agency if the person or the resident representative is unable to provide consent and if certain other conditions are met. The bill includes a definition of "resident representative" consistent with federal regulations.

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This bill also amends AS 47.24 as it relates to the Department of Health and Social Services' handling of reports of harm to older Alaskans and the investigation of the reports. Additionally, it clarifies where reports of harm are to be lodged within DHSS.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,



Bill Walker
Governor

Enclosure

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2017 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	HB 164
Fiscal Note Number:	1
(H) Publish Date:	3/8/2017

Identifier: DHSS-SDSA-1-20-17
 Title: PROTECT: VULNERABLE ADULTS/LONG TERM CARE
 Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
 Requester: Governor

Department: Department of Health and Social Services
 Appropriation: Senior and Disabilities Services
 Allocation: Senior and Disabilities Services Administration
 OMB Component Number: 2663

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2018	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2018 Request	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2018	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2017) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2018) 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? no

If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable; initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Analysis

Amends State Statutes to comply with Federal Statutes and Rules for the Office of Long Term Care Ombudsman.

Removes the option for mandatory reporters to meet reporting requirements by submitting report to the OLTCO and clarifies the difference in the role of the Long Term Care Ombudsman and the roles of Adult Protective Services and the (Health Care Services) licensing division.

This necessary clarification does not add additional duties and does not have a fiscal impact to the Adult Protection Unit. Historically, Adult Protection has always conducted investigations and made determinations on all allegations of maltreatment.

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2017 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	HB 164
Fiscal Note Number:	2
(H) Publish Date:	3/8/2017

Identifier: DOR-OLTCO-1-20-17
 Title: PROTECT: VULNERABLE ADULTS/LONG TERM CARE
 Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
 Requester: Governor

Department: Department of Revenue
 Appropriation: Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
 Allocation: Long Term Care Ombudsman Office
 OMB Component Number: 2749

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2018	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2018 Request	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2018	FY 2018					
Personal Services							
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Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
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Fund Source (Operating Only)

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Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2017) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2018) 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? No
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable; initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Analysis

Amends State Statutes to comply with Federal Statutes and Rules for the Office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman (OLTCO);

Clarifies that the OLTCO may serve residents in long term care facilities who are under the age of 60; and

Removes the option for mandatory reporters to meet reporting requirements by submitting a report to the OLTCO and clarifies the differences in the roles of the Long Term Care Ombudsman, Adult Protective Services, and (Health Care Services) licensing division.

The bill has zero fiscal impact to the OLTCO.

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

A BILL
FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the protection of vulnerable adults and residents of long term care**
2 **facilities."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 47.24.010(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) Except as provided in (e) [AND (f)] of this section, the following persons
6 who, in the performance of their professional duties, have reasonable cause to believe
7 that a vulnerable adult suffers from undue influence, abandonment, exploitation,
8 abuse, neglect, or self-neglect shall, not later than 24 hours after first having cause for
9 the belief, report the belief to the department's vulnerable adult centralized intake
10 office [CENTRAL INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICE FOR
11 VULNERABLE ADULTS IN THE OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT THAT
12 HANDLES ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES]:

- 13 (1) a physician or other licensed health care provider;
- 14 (2) a mental health professional as defined in AS 47.30.915 and

1 including a marital and family therapist licensed under AS 08.63;
2 (3) a pharmacist;
3 (4) an administrator or employee of a nursing home, residential care,
4 or health care facility;
5 (5) a guardian or conservator;
6 (6) a police officer;
7 (7) a village public safety officer;
8 (8) a village health aide;
9 (9) a social worker;
10 (10) a member of the clergy;
11 (11) a staff employee of a project funded by the Department of
12 Administration for the provision of services to older Alaskans, the Department of
13 Health and Social Services, or the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault;
14 (12) an employee of a personal care or home health aide program;
15 (13) an emergency medical technician or a mobile intensive care
16 paramedic;
17 (14) a caregiver of the vulnerable adult;
18 (15) a certified nurse aide;
19 (16) an educator or administrative staff member of a public or private
20 educational institution.

21 * **Sec. 2.** AS 47.24.010(e) is amended to read:

22 (e) If a person making a report under this section believes that immediate
23 action is necessary to protect the vulnerable adult from imminent risk of serious
24 physical harm due to undue influence, abandonment, exploitation, abuse, neglect, or
25 self-neglect and the reporting person cannot immediately contact the department's
26 vulnerable adult centralized intake office [CENTRAL INFORMATION AND
27 REFERRAL SERVICE FOR VULNERABLE ADULTS], the reporting person shall
28 make the report to a police officer or a village public safety officer. The police officer
29 or village public safety officer shall take immediate action to protect the vulnerable
30 adult and shall, within 24 hours after receiving the report of harm, notify the
31 department. A person may not bring an action for damages against a police officer, a

1 village public safety officer, the state, or a political subdivision of the state based on a
 2 decision under this subsection to take or not to take immediate action to protect a
 3 vulnerable adult. If a decision is made under this subsection to take immediate action
 4 to protect a vulnerable adult, a person may not bring an action for damages based on
 5 the protective actions taken unless the protective actions were performed with gross
 6 negligence or intentional misconduct; damages awarded in the action may include
 7 only direct economic compensatory damages for personal injury.

8 * **Sec. 3.** AS 47.24.011 is amended to read:

9 **Sec. 47.24.011. Duties of the department regarding services and protection**
 10 **for vulnerable adults.** In order to facilitate the provision of supportive and protective
 11 services for vulnerable adults, the department shall

12 (1) compile information on available supportive and protective
 13 services for vulnerable adults in the state;

14 (2) establish, publicize, and maintain a **vulnerable adult centralized**
 15 **intake office** [CENTRAL INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICE FOR
 16 VULNERABLE ADULTS];

17 (3) develop and coordinate a statewide system to serve vulnerable
 18 adults who are in need of protective services;

19 (4) establish criteria and procedures for the authorization and
 20 supervision of other state agencies or community-based service providers to serve as
 21 designees of the department under this chapter;

22 (5) in accordance with this chapter, designate other state agencies or
 23 community-based service providers to deliver supportive and protective services to
 24 vulnerable adults who are in need of protective services;

25 (6) develop within the **vulnerable adult centralized intake office**
 26 [CENTRAL INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICE FOR VULNERABLE
 27 ADULTS] a central registry for reports of vulnerable adults in need of protective
 28 services;

29 (7) maintain confidentiality of records as provided for in
 30 AS 47.24.050; and

31 (8) adopt regulations to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

1 * **Sec. 4.** AS 47.24.013(a) is amended to read:

2 (a) If a report received under AS 47.24.010 pertains to the undue influence,
3 abandonment, exploitation, abuse, neglect, or self-neglect of a vulnerable adult [WHO
4 IS 60 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER] that is alleged to have been committed by or to
5 have resulted from the negligence of the staff or a volunteer of an out-of-home care
6 facility, including a facility licensed under AS 47.32, in which the vulnerable adult
7 resides, the department **may forward** [SHALL TRANSFER] the report [FOR
8 INVESTIGATION] to the long term care ombudsman **for investigation** under
9 AS 47.62.015.

10 * **Sec. 5.** AS 47.24.013(b) is amended to read:

11 (b) The department shall investigate a report received under AS 47.24.010
12 regarding the undue influence, abandonment, exploitation, abuse, neglect, or self-
13 neglect of a vulnerable adult [WHO IS LESS THAN 60 YEARS OF AGE] that is
14 alleged to have been committed by or to have resulted from the negligence of the staff
15 or a volunteer of an out-of-home care facility in which the vulnerable adult resides.

16 * **Sec. 6.** AS 47.24.013(d) is amended to read:

17 (d) If the long term care ombudsman **directly** receives [DIRECTLY] a report
18 regarding the undue influence, abandonment, exploitation, abuse, neglect, or self-
19 neglect of a vulnerable adult in an out-of-home care facility, the ombudsman **may**
20 [SHALL] provide the report, and the results of the ombudsman's actions or
21 investigations regarding the report, to the **department's vulnerable adult centralized**
22 **intake office. The ombudsman shall obtain the informed consent of the**
23 **vulnerable adult or the vulnerable adult's resident representative before**
24 **providing the report to the department** [CENTRAL INFORMATION AND
25 REFERRAL SERVICE OF THE OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT THAT
26 HANDLES ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES]. The department may investigate the
27 report as described in AS 47.24.015 if the department determines that action is
28 appropriate. **In this subsection, "resident representative" has the meaning given in**
29 **AS 47.62.090.**

30 * **Sec. 7.** AS 47.24.015(a) is amended to read:

31 (a) Upon the department's receipt of a report under AS 47.24.010 [THAT IS

1 NOT TRANSFERRED UNDER AS 47.24.013], the department, or its designee, shall
 2 promptly initiate an investigation to determine whether the vulnerable adult who is the
 3 subject of the report suffers from undue influence, abandonment, exploitation, abuse,
 4 neglect, or self-neglect. The department, or its designee, shall conduct an [A FACE-
 5 TO-FACE] interview with the vulnerable adult [SUBJECT OF THE REPORT]
 6 unless that person is unconscious or the department, or its designee, has determined
 7 that an [A FACE-TO-FACE] interview could further endanger the vulnerable adult.

8 * **Sec. 8.** AS 47.62.015(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) The ombudsman shall investigate and resolve a complaint made by or on
 10 behalf of an older Alaskan who resides in a long term care facility in the state if the
 11 complaint relates to a decision, action, or failure to act by a provider or a
 12 representative of a provider of long term care services, or by a public agency or social
 13 services agency, that may adversely affect the health, safety, welfare, or rights of the
 14 older Alaskan. At the discretion of the ombudsman, the ombudsman may
 15 investigate and resolve a complaint made by or on behalf of a resident who is not
 16 an older Alaskan if the complaint relates to a decision, action, or failure to act by
 17 a provider or a representative of a provider of long term care services, or by a
 18 public agency or social services agency, that may adversely affect the health,
 19 safety, welfare, or rights of the resident.

20 * **Sec. 9.** AS 47.62.015(c) is amended to read:

21 (c) The ombudsman may

22 (1) subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance, require the
 23 production of evidence, administer oaths, and examine any person under oath in
 24 connection with a complaint described under (a) of this section; the powers described
 25 in this paragraph shall be enforced by the superior court;

26 (2) pursue administrative, legal, or other appropriate remedies on
 27 behalf of a resident of [AN OLDER ALASKAN WHO RESIDES IN] a long term
 28 care facility in the state.

29 * **Sec. 10.** AS 47.62.025 is amended to read:

30 **Sec. 47.62.025. Access to long term care facilities, residents of long term**
 31 **care facilities [OLDER ALASKANS], and records. (a) A person may not deny**

1 access to a long term care facility or to **a resident of a long term care facility** [AN
2 OLDER ALASKAN] by the ombudsman or an employee, volunteer, or other
3 representative of the office.

4 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of AS 47.62.015(c)(1), the ombudsman
5 may obtain medical or other records of **a resident of** [AN OLDER ALASKAN WHO
6 RESIDES IN] a long term care facility in the state only with the consent of the
7 **resident or the person's resident representative or** [OLDER ALASKAN OR THE
8 OLDER ALASKAN'S] legal guardian or, if the **resident** [OLDER ALASKAN] is
9 unable or incompetent to consent and does not have a **resident representative**
10 [LEGAL GUARDIAN], only with a **subpoena or** court order.

11 * Sec. 11. AS 47.62.030(b) is amended to read:

12 (b) The identity of a complainant or an older Alaskan **or resident of a long**
13 **term care facility** on whose behalf a complaint is made may **only** [NOT] be disclosed
14 **with** [WITHOUT] the consent of the identified person or the person's legal guardian
15 **or resident representative or** [, UNLESS REQUIRED] by court order. **However, if**
16 **an older Alaskan is unable to provide consent and does not have a legal guardian,**
17 **or if a resident of a long term care facility is unable to provide consent and does**
18 **not have a resident representative, the ombudsman may disclose the identity of**
19 **an identified person for the purpose of making a referral to an agency or person,**
20 **if the ombudsman or an employee or volunteer of the office**

21 **(1) has reasonable cause to believe that an action, inaction, or**
22 **decision, including an action, inaction, or decision by a resident representative or**
23 **a legal guardian of an older Alaskan, may adversely affect the health, safety,**
24 **welfare, or rights of the older Alaskan or resident;**

25 **(2) has reasonable cause to believe the referral is in the best**
26 **interest of the older Alaskan or resident;**

27 **(3) obtains the approval of the ombudsman for the disclosure and**
28 **referral; and**

29 **(4) does not have evidence that the older Alaskan or resident**
30 **would disagree with the referral.**

31 * Sec. 12. AS 47.62.060 is amended to read:

1 **Sec. 47.62.060. Cooperative agreements.** The authority shall enter into
 2 cooperative agreements concerning the operations of the office, including protocols
 3 for investigations, with state and local agencies that have jurisdiction over long term
 4 care facilities or over the abuse and neglect of older Alaskans or residents of long
 5 term care facilities.

6 * **Sec. 13.** AS 47.62.090(4) is amended to read:

7 (4) "older Alaskan" means a person [RESIDENT] who is 60 years of
 8 age or older and who resides in the state;

9 * **Sec. 14.** AS 47.62.090 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

10 (7) "resident" means a person who resides in a long term care facility
 11 in the state;

12 (8) "resident representative" means

13 (A) an individual chosen by a resident to act on behalf of the
 14 resident to

15 (i) support the resident in decision making;

16 (ii) access medical, social, or other personal information
 17 of the resident;

18 (iii) manage financial matters; or

19 (iv) receive notifications;

20 (B) a person authorized by federal or state law to act on behalf
 21 of a resident.

22 * **Sec. 15.** AS 47.24.010(f), 47.24.013(c)(3), and 47.24.013(e) are repealed.

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
Alaska Mental Health
Trust Authority

BILL WALKER,
GOVERNOR

Office of the Long
Term Care

The CSHB 164 makes simple changes to the original version.

- In section 4, it corrects drafting error on page 4 line 5 to reflect the accurate statute citation of AS 47.62.015 (instead of AS 42.62.015).
- In section 3, aligns additional paragraphs under AS 47.24.011 with proposed amendment language requested elsewhere in the bill that changes references from “central information and referral service for vulnerable adults” to “vulnerable adult centralized intake office”.
- In sections 10 and 11 clarifies that resident means resident of a long term care facility.
- In section 14 retains the definition for senior citizen housing.

