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**** Sec. 59. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:**

INTENT OF THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR ASSISTED LIVING HOMES. (a) It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Health and Social Services repeal 7 AAC 43.105(k)(1)(B).

(b) It is further the intent of the legislature that the Department of Health and Social Services is not responsible for paying any refunding of cost-of-care contributions received under (a) of this section. In addition, any cost-of-care contributions currently outstanding as the result of errors and omissions by a Medicaid recipient, a Medicaid recipient's responsible party, or an assisted living home shall be considered as unattainable and classified as Unrealized Cost Containment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005.

(c) It is further the intent of the legislature that the Department of Health and Social Services adopt new emergency regulations establishing a personal needs allowance for recipients residing in an assisted living facility equal to the monthly income limit set in AS 47.07.020(b)(6) minus \$260. Until the Department of Health and Social Services adopts the emergency regulations at 7 AAC 43.1058(k)(1)(B), the Department of Health and Social Services shall apply personal needs allowance for recipients residing in an assisted living facility equal to the monthly income limit set in AS 47.07.020(b)(6) minus \$260. This meets the requirements for a finding of a public health, safety, and welfare emergency under AS 44.62.250.

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(d) It is further the intent of the legislature that the sum of \$363,500 of appropriations made in fiscal year 2006 to the Department of Health and Social Services be used to further the intent specified in (a) – (c) of this section.

* Sec. 60. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

RETROACTIVITY. Sec. 59(a) is retroactive to July 1, 2004.

* Sec. 61. Sec. 59(c) is effective July 1, 2005.”

Renumber bill sections accordingly.

Page 47, line 15:

Delete “20, 21, 51, 55”

Renumber all internal references in accordance with this amendment.

Summary of changes made in House Finance to SB125 (DHSS agrees with these amendments):

1. Added a reference to the background check immunity section in the section dealing with complaints and investigations in the licensing chapter (AS 47.32.090).
2. Made technical changes to a transition section of the bill [sec. 54(b)].
3. Changed the reference to "volunteer" in the background check and registry section to "unsupervised volunteer."
4. Added a requirement that an individual be notified that his or her name is being placed on the registry.
5. Added a requirement that there be no relation between information placed on the registry and the risk of harm to an entity's clientele before the Department of Health and Social Services may make changes or deletions to information on the registry at the request of the individual whose name appears on the registry.