

CHAPTER 39.

AN ACT

[S. B. 48]

To amend Section 15, Chapter 2, of the Extraordinary Session Laws of Alaska, 1937, relating to Old Age Assistance; and to amend Section 3 of Chapter 3, establishing a Department of Public Welfare, by adding thereto Section i and j, and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska:

Section 1. That Section 15, Chapter 2 of the Extraordinary Session Laws of Alaska, 1937, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Old Age Assistance; property of relief recipient pledged to guarantee reimbursement.

Section 15. Property of Recipient—Pledge—Foreclosure: The Board may, in its discretion, require as a condition of granting financial assistance that the property of any recipient, except personal property to the amount of \$200.00, of such assistance be pledged as a guarantee for the reimbursement of the funds so granted and any instrument executed by such recipient, pledging such property, shall be made to the Board to be held by it for the Territory granting such relief. The Territory shall have the right to a lien against all the property of the recipient, except personal property to the amount of \$200.00, in an amount equal to that expended for his benefit, from and after the filing of a claim of lien in the office of the Recorder for the district in which said property is possessed or is located, particularly describing the property. Suit to foreclose such a lien shall be instituted within six months after the cessation of assistance or as soon thereafter as possible.

Lien for Territory,—equal to relief granted,—exception.

From and after the lien attaches, such property shall not be sold without the consent of the Territory, in which event the lien, if not satisfied by the purchasers, shall not be lost, nor shall the augmentation of the amount of the lien in proportion to expenditures made on behalf of the recipient, cease. Provided, that claim of lien shall be filed only in such cases as the Board, in its discretion, may deem proper.

Foreclosure,
Filing of, lien.

One half of the net amount of money realized upon such security shall promptly be paid to the United States, if required to do so by the Federal Government, and the remaining one half shall be paid to the Territorial Treasurer for the Old Age Assistance Fund and credited to the Territory.

Disposition of
proceeds after
foreclosure.

Section 2. That Section 3, Chapter 3, Extraordinary Session Laws of Alaska, 1937, is hereby amended, by adding Sections i and j, as follows:

Section i. Confidential Character of Public-Assistance Records. The rule-making power of the Department shall include the power to establish and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the custody, use, and preservation of the records, papers, files, and communications of the Department. Wherever, under provisions of law, names and addresses of recipients of public assistance are furnished to or held by any other agency or department of government such agency or department of government shall be required to adopt regulations necessary to prevent the publication of lists thereof or their use for purposes not directly connected with the administration of public assistance.

Department of
Public Welfare;
records to be
confidential.

Penalty for
misusing
records of
Department of
Public Welfare.

Section j. Misuse of Public-Assistance Lists and Records. It shall be unlawful, except for purposes directly connected with the administration of general assistance, old-age assistance, aid to the blind, or aid to dependent children, and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department, for any person or persons to solicit, disclose, receive, make use of, or to authorize, knowingly permit, participate in, or acquiesce in the use of, any list of or names of, or any information concerning, persons applying for or receiving such assistance, directly or indirectly derived from the records, papers, files, or communications of the Department or subdivisions or agencies thereof, or acquired in the course of the performance of official duties.

Section 3. An emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

Approved March 26, 1941.

CHAPTER 40.

AN ACT

[S. B. 361]

Amendments
and Repeals to
Alaska Unem-
ployment Com-
pensation Law.

To amend Chapter 4 of the Extraordinary Session Laws of Alaska, 1937, as amended by Chapters 1 and 51, Session Laws of Alaska, 1939, relating to the Unemployment Compensation Law, by amending Sections 2(i)(1); 2(i)(6)(E); 2(i)(6)(F); 2(i)(6)(H); 2(i)(6)(I); 2(j); 2(k); 2(m); 2(n); 3(a); 4(d)(1); 4(e); 5(c); 5(c)(1); 5(d); 5(f); 7(a)(1); 7(b)(2); 7(c); 7(c)(1); 7(c)(2);