

## CHAPTER 73

## AN ACT

**Relating to the program of aid to families with dependent children; and providing for an effective date.**

(C.S.H.B. 79)

**Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska.**

Section 1. AS 47.25.310 is amended to read:

**Sec. 47.25.310. Eligibility for Assistance.** The department shall grant assistance to the family of each dependent child it determines is eligible for assistance under secs. 310 - 420 of this chapter.

Sec. 2. AS 47.25.320 is amended to read:

**Sec. 47.25.320. Amount of Assistance.**

(a) The department shall determine the amount of assistance for a dependent child and the relative with whom the dependent child is living, with regard to the resources and necessary expenditures of the family and the condition existing in each case. Assistance is sufficient if, when added to all other income and support available to the child, the child and relative have reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health. However, the amount of assistance shall not exceed \$80 when there is a relative and one child. When there is more than one child, the amount allowed for the relative and first child shall not exceed \$80, and the amount for each additional child shall not exceed \$30.

(b) The monetary maximums in (a) of this section do not apply to payments made under this program for the care of a dependent child in a foster family home. The payment shall conform to foster care rates as provided by the department.

Sec. 3. AS 47.25.330. is amended to read:

**Sec. 47.25.330. Duties of Department.** The department shall

(1) administer assistance to families with dependent children under secs. 310 - 420 of this chapter;

(2) make the regulations and take

the action which is necessary or desirable for carrying out the provisions of secs. 310 - 420 of this chapter;

(3) cooperate with the federal government in matters of mutual concern pertaining to assistance to families with dependent children, including the adoption of the methods of administration which the federal government finds necessary for the efficient operation of the plan for the assistance;

(4) make the reports in the form and containing the information which the federal government requires, and comply with the provisions which the federal government finds necessary to assure the correctness and verification of the reports;

(5) provide for the development and application of a program for the welfare and related services for each child who receives aid to families with dependent children assistance necessary in the light of the particular home conditions and other needs of the child.

Sec. 4. AS 47.25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

**Sec. 47.25.365. Retraining of Parent or Family Member.** The department may grant aid in excess of the maximums established by sec. 320 of this chapter to a parent or relative with whom a dependent child receiving assistance under secs. 310 - 420 of this chapter resides to enable the parent or relative to engage in a retraining program intended to increase his earning productivity. The department may make grants under this section only after it determines that there is substantial likelihood that the retraining program will result in the state's being relieved of the burden of support of the dependent child.

Sec. 5. AS 47.25.390 is repealed.

Sec. 6. AS 47.25.410 is amended to read:

**Sec. 47.25.410. Definitions.** In secs.

310 - 420 of this chapter,

(1) "assistance" means monthly money payments with respect to a dependent child and a relative with whom the dependent child is living, and monthly money payments to a foster family home;

(2) "department" means the Department of Health and Welfare;

(3) "dependent child" means a needy child under 18 years of age who is deprived of parental support or care by reason of the death, continued absence from the home, or physical or mental incapacity of a parent, and who is living with his father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, stepsister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, or niece in a place of residence maintained by one or more of these relatives as his or their own home, and includes a child (A) who would come within the meaning of dependent child except for his removal after April 30, 1961, from the home of a relative as a result of a judicial determination to the effect that continuation would be contrary to the welfare of the child, (B)

for whose placement the department is responsible, (C) who has been placed in a foster family home as a result of such determination, and (D) who received aid under this plan in and for the month in which court proceedings leading to such determination were initiated;

(4) "foster family home" means a foster family home for children which is licensed by the state or has been approved by the department as meeting the standards established for licensing;

(5) "resources of the family" do not include a dependent child's earnings, or earnings and assets of the family, set aside for future identifiable needs of the dependent child within maximum limits as determined by the department and for purposes approved by the department.

Sec. 7. AS 47.25.420 is amended to read:

Sec. 47.25.420. **Short Title.** Secs. 310-420 of this chapter may be cited as the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Act.

Sec. 8. This Act takes effect on July 1, 1963.

Approved April 19, 1963

## CHAPTER 74

### AN ACT

**Relating to the Alaska Workmen's Compensation Act; and providing for an effective date.**

(S.C.S.H.B. 122)

**Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska.**

Section 1. AS 23.30.095 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(i) Any interference by any person with the selection by an injured employee of an authorized physician to treat him, or the improper influencing or attempt by any person to influence a medical opinion of any physician who has treated or examined an injured employee shall be a misdemeanor.

Sec. 2. AS 23.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 23.30.191. **Expenses for Rehabilitating Injured Employees.** An employee, who, as a result of injury, is or may be expected to be totally or partially incapacitated for his normal occupation, and who, under the direction of the Department of Labor, is being rehabilitated to engage in a remunerative occupation and who is not entitled to further temporary total disability or temporary partial disability compensation, in addition to the amount allowed under sec. 40 of this chapter for maintenance, may receive additional compensation necessary for his rehabilitation, not more than one-half of the compensation allow-