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AN ACT

Relating to assistance to the aged, blind, and disabled; and providing for an effective date.

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

* Section 1. AS 47.25.430(a) is amended to read:

(a) Financial assistance shall be given under secs. 430 - 610 of this chapter, so far as practicable under the conditions in the state, to every aged, needy resident of the state who has attained the age of 65 years, who has not made a voluntary assignment or transfer of property to qualify for assistance. Assistance shall be in an amount which will provide the applicant with reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health in accordance with standards established by the department and with the standards established under Title XVI of the Social Security Act. When benefit amounts under Title XVI of the Social Security Act are increased as a result of an increase in the cost of living, the state shall pass along the increase to recipients, and shall increase the amount of the state contribution to recipients by a percentage of the state contribution equal to the percentage increase in the benefit amounts under Title XVI. Direct payments for medical services and remedial care may not be considered in determining the maximum amount payable.

* Sec. 2. AS 47.25.640 is amended to read:

Sec. 47.25.640. AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE. The department shall determine the amount of assistance granted for a needy blind person with due regard to the resources and needs of the person and the conditions existing in each case. Assistance shall be sufficient to provide the applicant with reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health, and according to the standards of assistance established by

the department and with the standards established under Title XVI of the Social Security Act. When benefit amounts under Title XVI of the Social Security Act are increased as a result of an increase in the cost of living, the state shall pass along the increase to recipients, and shall increase the amount of the state contribution to recipients by a percentage of the state contribution equal to the percentage increase in the benefit amounts under Title XVI. Direct payments for medical services and remedial care may not be considered in determining the maximum amount payable.

* Sec. 3. AS 47.25.810 is amended to read:

Sec. 47.25.810. AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE. The amount of assistance for a permanently and totally disabled person shall be determined by the department with regard to the resources and needs of the person and the conditions existing in each case. Where possible, assistance shall be sufficient to provide reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health and according to the standards of assistance established by the department and with the standards established under Title XVI of the Social Security Act. When benefit amounts under Title XVI of the Social Security Act are increased as a result of an increase in the cost of living, the state shall pass along the increase to recipients, and shall increase the amount of the state contribution to recipients by a percentage of the state contribution equal to the percentage increase in the benefit amounts under Title XVI. Direct payments for medical services and remedial care may not be considered in determining the maximum amount payable.

* Sec. 4 For purposes of determining the state contribution to recipients under AS 47.25.430(a), 47.25.640, and 47.25.810 as of July 1, 1975, the Department of Health and Social Services shall establish levels of need not exceeding \$300 a month for an individual recipient.

* Sec. 5. This Act is retroactive to July 1, 1974.

* Sec. 6. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).