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Relating to free travel for handicapped persons on the state marine highway system.

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

WHEREAS the recent years of inflation have damaged the financial status of many handicapped persons including those who rely on federal and state aid programs; and

WHEREAS the continuing high rate of unemployment during recent years has made it difficult for handicapped persons to compete in the job market; and

WHEREAS many handicapped persons who would like to see the state are not able to go boating, camping, hiking, or skiing; and

WHEREAS many handicapped persons who would like to travel around the state cannot conveniently use all methods of transportation; and

WHEREAS during the off-season the state ferries frequently operate at less than full capacity;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Governor to direct the division of marine highways to initiate a program whereby handicapped persons may travel on state ferries for no charge on a space-available basis between two Alaskan points of embarkation from each October 1 to the following May 15; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that this program should be available to each handicapped person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, or working; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Governor to direct the division of marine highways to make a form available to be used in applying for this program which is signed by a doctor licensed to practice and which verifies that the applicant is handicapped and qualifies to travel on state ferries for no charge under this program.