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AN ACT

Relating to income, allowances, debts of and rates charged to residents of the Alaska Pioneers' Home; and providing for an effective date.

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

THE ACT FOLLOWS ON PAGE 1, LINE 10

UNDERLINED MATERIAL INDICATES TEXT THAT IS BEING ADDED TO THE LAW AND BRACKETED MATERIAL IN CAPITAL LETTERS INDICATES DELETIONS FROM THE LAW; COMPLETELY NEW TEXT OR MATERIAL REPEALED AND RE-ENACTED IS IDENTIFIED IN THE INTRODUCTORY LINE OF EACH BILL SECTION.

Approved by the Governor: July 5, 1984
Actual Effective Date: July 6, 1984

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Relating to income, allowances, debts of and rates
charged to residents of the Alaska Pioneers' Home;
and providing for an effective date.

* Section 1. AS 47.25.020(b) is amended to read:

(b) Every person admitted to the Pioneers' Home, except a person admitted under AS 47.25.030, who receives income from any source in excess of \$100 per [\$35 A] month may be required by the Department of Administration to pay the excess to the Department of Administration immediately upon receipt of the money in payment, or part payment, of the cost of the person's [HIS] maintenance.

* Sec. 2. AS 47.25.020(c) is amended to read:

(c) At the end of each month the payments made under (b) of this section shall be transmitted to the commissioner of revenue together with the names of the persons making them and the amount paid by each. The Department of Administration may pay [THE SUM OF \$35 A MONTH] to a resident without funds the sum of \$100 per month.

* Sec. 3. AS 47.25.030 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(b) The Department of Administration shall adopt regulations establishing a daily or monthly rate for the compensation a resident is to be charged under (a) of this section. The rate charged need not fully compensate the state for the cost of care and support. The commissioner of administration shall review the rate each year.

(c) The Department of Administration shall provide to all

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1 residents of the Pioneers' Home written notice of any proposed change
2 in the rate charged for care and support of persons at the home.
3 Notice under this section shall be given not less than 60 days before
4 a change is adopted. The notice shall include the time, date, and
5 place of a hearing to be held by the Department of Administration
6 under (d) of this section. The department may not change the rate
7 charged more than once in a fiscal year.

8 (d) Not less than 30 days before a proposed rate change is
9 adopted, the Department of Administration shall conduct a hearing at
10 which interested persons shall be given the opportunity to submit
11 written or oral testimony, statements, arguments or contentions relat-
12 ing to the proposed rate change. The department shall consider all
13 relevant matter presented to it before adopting a rate change.

14 * Sec. 4. AS 47.25.070 is repealed and reenacted to read:

15 Sec. 47.25.070. INDEBTEDNESS OF PIONEERS' HOME RESIDENT TO
16 STATE. (a) The following expenses incurred for a pioneers' home
17 resident under AS 47.25.010 - 47.25.110 and not recoverable from a
18 collateral source are a debt of the resident to the state and may be
19 recovered during the life of the resident:

20 (1) costs of standard or nursing care provided in the
21 Pioneers' Home each month to the resident not exceeding the rate
22 established by the Department of Administration under AS 47.25.030
23 with credit given for any amounts paid by or collected from the resi-
24 dent;

25 (2) allowances paid under AS 47.25.020(c);

26 (3) costs of hospitalization and medical treatment provide
27 outside the Pioneers' Home;

28 (4) arrearages in fees for television and telephone ser-
29 vices provided in the Pioneers' Home;

1 (5) prescription medicine; and

2 (6) burial and related expenses.

3 (b) The debt is a first, prior and preferred claim against the
4 estate of the Pioneers' Home resident after the resident's death, and
5 after all claims for food, clothing, fuel, shelter, medical aid, or
6 burial expenses are paid. Heirlooms without regard to value are
7 exempt from a claim by the state under this section.

8 (c) Money left in charge of the Department of Administration by
9 a deceased resident of the Pioneers' Home may be used for the burial
10 and funeral expenses of the resident and for the improvement of the
11 burial plot of the Pioneers' Home.

12 (d) The clothing and other personal effects left by a deceased
13 Pioneers' Home resident may be used for the benefit of other resi-
14 dents, or may be given to relatives or to persons designated by the
15 resident, or sold and the proceeds applied in the manner provided for
16 money left by a deceased resident.

17 (e) In this section, "heirloom" means personal property of
18 sentimental value to a Pioneers' Home resident that has been in the
19 possession of the resident's family or was a gift to the resident.

20 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
21 10.070(c).