

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 262(HSS)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/16/16

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to eligibility requirements of the Alaska senior benefits payment**  
2 **program; and providing for an effective date."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 47.45.302(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) An individual is eligible for a cash assistance benefit under the program if  
6 the individual

7 (1) is 65 years of age or older;

8 (2) is a resident of the state;

9 (3) **is a**

10 **(A) citizen of the United States; or**

11 **(B) "qualified alien," as defined under 8 U.S.C. 1641, and is**  
12 **not precluded by the limited eligibility provision of 8 U.S.C. 1613;**

13 **(4)** has a household income that does not exceed 175 percent of the  
14 annual federal poverty line for Alaska, as determined by the United States Department

1 of Health and Human Services and revised under 42 U.S.C. 9902(2);

2 (5) [(4)] has not received a longevity bonus payment under  
3 AS 47.45.010 - 47.45.160 for the same period; and

4 (6) [(5)] applies in the format prescribed [ON A FORM  
5 PROVIDED] by the department; the department may use an abbreviated form for an  
6 individual who received a payment under an assistance program for seniors that paid  
7 \$120 a month and was administered by the department on or before July 29, 2007.

8 \* **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2016.