

**HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 170(FIN)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 5/14/24**

**Referred: rules**

**Sponsor(s): SENATORS KAWASAKI, Bjorkman, Wielechowski, Tobin, Kiehl, Wilson, Dunbar, Gray-Jackson, Stevens, Merrick, Claman, Bishop, Stedman, Olson, Giessel, Hughes, Kaufman**

**REPRESENTATIVES Ortiz, Vance, Hannan, Galvin, Carrick, Mina**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the Alaska longevity bonus program and the Alaska senior benefits**  
2 **payment program; relating to the supplemental nutrition assistance program; and**  
3 **providing for an effective date."**

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

5 **\* Section 1.** AS 18.56.850(b) is amended to read:

6 (b) In the development of a home energy conservation or weatherization  
7 program under (a) of this section, the corporation may not consider the value of  
8 [ALASKA LONGEVITY BONUS PAYMENTS UNDER AS 47.45 OR] permanent  
9 fund dividends under AS 43.23 in determining whether a person meets income  
10 guidelines established under AS 18.56.088 and (a) of this section for a state or, to the  
11 extent permitted by federal law, a federal energy conservation or weatherization  
12 program.

13 **\* Sec. 2.** AS 44.29.790(c) is amended to read:

14 (c) The commission may not investigate, review, or undertake any

1 responsibility for [THE LONGEVITY BONUS PROGRAM UNDER AS 47.45.010 -  
2 47.45.160 OR] the Alaska Pioneers' Home or Alaska Veterans' Home under AS 47.55.

3 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 44.99.205(c)(3) is amended to read:

4 (3) "program" includes the permanent fund dividend program under  
5 AS 43.23 [AND THE LONGEVITY BONUS PROGRAM UNDER AS 47.45.010 -  
6 47.45.160];

7 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 47.25.980(a) is amended to read:

8 (a) The department shall

9 (1) adopt regulations necessary to carry out the food stamp program;

10 (2) cooperate with the federal government and do all things necessary  
11 to continue state eligibility under the food stamp program;

12 (3) comply with the requirements of 7 U.S.C. 2011 - 2036d  
13 (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), implement categorical eligibility  
14 under 7 U.S.C. 2014(a), and make eligible an individual whose household income  
15 is not more than 200 percent of the federal poverty guideline regardless of the  
16 value of assets owned by the household [7 U.S.C. 2011 - 2036 (FOOD STAMP  
17 PROGRAM)];

18 (4) establish an electronic application for the food stamp program and  
19 allow an applicant to submit an application in electronic format or in other formats  
20 required by state and federal law; the electronic application must inform an applicant  
21 that a false statement made on the application will be investigated and is punishable  
22 under AS 11.56.210; in this paragraph, "electronic application" means an application  
23 for benefits or renewal of benefits, whether the department exclusively administers the  
24 benefits or administers the benefits in coordination with another state agency or  
25 federal agency, electronically completed and submitted through the department's  
26 Internet website.

27 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 09.38.015(a)(5); AS 44.64.030(a)(50); AS 47.08.060(c)(8); AS 47.45.010,  
28 47.45.020, 47.45.030, 47.45.040, 47.45.050, 47.45.060, 47.45.070, 47.45.080, 47.45.100,  
29 47.45.110, 47.45.120, 47.45.122, 47.45.130, 47.45.140, 47.45.150, 47.45.160, and  
30 47.45.302(a)(5) are repealed.

31 \* **Sec. 6.** Section 4, ch. 1, FSSLA 2007, as amended by sec. 5, ch. 6, SLA 2011, sec. 1, ch.

- 1 113, SLA 2014, and sec. 1, ch. 8, SLA 2018, is repealed.
- 2 \* **Sec. 7.** Section 4 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2025.
- 3 \* **Sec. 8.** Except as provided in sec. 7 of this Act, this Act takes effect immediately under
- 4 AS 01.10.070(c).