

SENATE BILL NO. 102

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Introduced: 3/14/11
Referred: Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to certain payments made under the Alaska affordable heating**
2 **program."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 47.25.623(d) is amended to read:

5 (d) Under the program authorized by AS 47.25.621 - 47.25.626, taking into
6 consideration the gross household income rates established in (a) of this section and
7 the base amounts to be calculated under (b) and (c) of this section,

8 (1) if insufficient money is appropriated to fully fund the Alaska
9 affordable heating payments during the fiscal year, the department

10 (A) shall, for the duration of that fiscal year, suspend
11 calculation and payment under (a)(3)(B) **and (c)** of this section and calculate
12 and pay all eligible individuals under (a)(3)(A) of this section **on a pro rata**
13 **basis**; and

14 (B) may, to the extent there is or may be an appropriation

1 balance surplus to the amount required to make all payments under (A) of this
2 paragraph, by regulation, establish at any time during the fiscal year a
3 prospective pro rata reduction of the payment rates that the department will
4 pay to eligible individuals under the program during that fiscal year qualifying
5 under (a)(3)(B) of this section and, thereafter, may provide for prorated
6 payments; and

7 (2) if the commissioner reasonably determines that the total of
8 appropriations from all sources during the fiscal year may exceed the amount required
9 to fully fund all applications for assistance for Alaska affordable heating payments, the
10 commissioner may expend the amount of excess money, not to exceed the total
11 amount of the appropriations, to carry out the purpose of AS 47.25.621 - 47.25.626;
12 under the authority of this paragraph, the commissioner shall distribute the estimated
13 excess money pro rata among individuals receiving assistance under this section
14 without regard to the limitations set out in the dollar value of the point formula
15 expressed in (c)(1) - (4) of this section.