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House Allows State Absences for Family

Alaskan Who Leaves State for Terminally Ill Can Still Collect Dividend

(JUNEAU)--The Alaska House of Representatives approved House Bill 14 by a vote of 32 to two on Monday. Sponsored by Rep. Hugh “Bud” Fate (R-Fairbanks), HB 14 allows an Alaskan to leave the state to care for a terminally ill family member and still continue to collect a permanent fund dividend. Currently, Alaskans who are absent from the state for more than 180 days cannot collect a dividend; however, Fate says a person who cares for a family member in need should not be penalized.

“We want Alaskans to know their state will support their efforts to help their family,” Fate said. “If a family member outside of Alaska is terminally ill, one of his or her relatives from within Alaska should be able to stay with them as long as necessary.”

[HB 14](#) moves to the Senate.

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