



Enrolled SB 241: Extending the March 11, 2020, governor's declaration of a public health disaster emergency in response to the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic; providing for a financing plan; making temporary changes to state law in response to the COVID-19 outbreak in the following areas: standing orders of the chief medical officer; occupational and professional licensing, practice, and billing; telehealth; fingerprinting requirements for health care providers; elections in calendar year 2020; permanent fund dividend applications and eligibility; state tax filings, payments, and penalties; corporations; state and municipal government deadlines; the Alaska regional economic assistance program; Medicaid and public assistance; workers' compensation; sanitation standards for retail sellers; actions by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; utilities and residential utility service; power cost equalization; forbearance of specified state loans; foreclosures; evictions; wills; repossessions; access to federal stabilization funds; seafood purchase and distribution; homelessness; administrative hearings; and liability for issuing, providing, or manufacturing personal protective equipment; and providing for an effective date.

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03 protective equipment; and providing for an effective date.

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05 * Section 1. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by a

06 to read:

07 FINDINGS. (a) The legislature finds that

08 (1) in December 2019, a novel coronavirus known as severe acu
09 syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) was first detected in Wuhan, Hubei pr
10 People's Republic of China, leading to outbreaks of novel coronavirus dis
11 that have now spread globally;

12 (2) on January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human
13 Services declared a public health emergency under 42 U.S.C. 247d (Public
14 Act);

15 (3) to date, 50 states have confirmed cases of COVID-19, including
16 confirmation of community transmission of COVID-19;

17 (4) on March 11, 2020, the commissioner of health and social services
18 certified to the governor that there is a high probability that COVID-19
19 threat of an imminent outbreak of the disease in the state, meeting the d
20 under [AS 26.23.900](#)(2)(E);

21 (5) on March 11, 2020, the governor issued a declaration of a public hea
22 disaster emergency under [AS 26.23.020](#) in anticipation of the spread of CO
23 state;

24 (6) in the disaster declaration issued March 11, 2020, the governor foun
25 a statewide response under [AS 18.15.390](#) is required to address the public
26 emergency and authorized the commissioner of health and social services a
27 general of military and veterans' affairs to take all actions necessary t
28 health disaster emergency;

29 (7) on March 12, 2020, the Department of Health and Social Services and
30 governor announced that the first case of COVID-19 was diagnosed in an in

01Anchorage;

02 (8) additional cases of COVID-19 are being diagnosed across t
03 (9) the chief medical officer in the Department of Health and Social Ser
04 and the commissioner of health and social services have determined that i
05 monitoring and active public health management, including closing public
06 public events, and establishing quarantine and isolation protocols and en
07 [AS 18.15.390](#), to contain the spread of COVID-19;

08 (10) the adjutant general of the Alaska organized militia has
09 may be necessary for the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, un
10 the commissioner of health and social services, to use personnel and othe
11 Department of Health and Social Services to institute actions under [AS 26](#)
12 provisions to perform or facilitate performance of disaster emergency ser
13 (b) Based on the findings in (a) of this section, the legislature finds
14 best interest of the state to extend the public health disaster emergency
15 the governor on March 11, 2020, and all the powers granted under [AS 18.15](#)
16 [AS 26.23.020](#), to November 15, 2020.

17 * Sec. 2. The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by addi
18 read:

19 PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER EMERGENCY; EXTENSION OF DISASTER

20 EMERGENCY. (a) Under [AS 26.23.020](#)(c), the Alaska State Legislature extend
21 November 15, 2020, the declaration of a public health disaster emergency
22 governor on March 11, 2020. The extension under this subsection includes
23 proclamation, or regulation issued under [AS 26.23.020](#) and an action taken
24 of Health and Social Services under the authority granted to the Departme

25 Social Services under [AS 18.15.390](#).

26 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, if the commissioner of health a
27 services certifies to the governor that there is no longer a present outb
28 coronavirus disease (COVID-19) or a credible threat of an imminent outbre
29 the governor shall issue a proclamation that the public health disaster e
30 the declaration issued by the governor on March 11, 2020, no longer exist
31 determined by the governor. The certification must be based on specific i

01from a state or federal agency or another source that the commissioner det
02 reliable.

03 (c) The governor shall submit a proclamation issued under (b) of t
04 revisor of statutes, the president of the senate, the speaker of the hous
05 the lieutenant governor.

06 * Sec. 3. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by addi
07 read:

08 PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER EMERGENCY; FINANCING PLAN. (a) Under
09 [AS 26.23.020](#)(k), the Alaska State Legislature approves this financing pla
10 of a public health disaster emergency issued by the governor on March 11,
11 by sec. 2 of this Act, and provides that the following appropriations and
12 used to cope with the public health disaster emergency:

13 (1) the appropriations made in sec. 8, ch. 2, SLA 2020;

14 (2) the appropriations made in sec. 10, SCS [CSHB 234](#)(FIN), Department of
15 Health and Social Services, Thirty-First Alaska State Legislature;

16 (3) the authorization made in sec. 1, CCS [HB 205](#), Department of Health a
17 Social Services, Thirty-First Alaska State Legislature, allowing for up t
18 transfers between all appropriations made in the Department of Health and
19 except for transfers from the Medicaid services appropriation;

20 (4) the appropriations made in CCS [HB 205](#), Department of Health and Soci
21 Services, Thirty-First Alaska State Legislature,

22 (A) of federal receipts received during the fiscal year ending June 30,
23 2021, for Medicaid services; and

24 (B) to the Department of Health and Social Services public health
25 emergency response for the purpose of responding to the novel coronavirus
26 (COVID-19) public health disaster emergency; and

27 (5) the appropriation made in CCS [HB 205](#), Thirty-First Alaska State
28 Legislature, to the disaster relief fund under [AS 26.23.300](#)(a).

29 (b) The governor may not expend more than a cumulative total of \$10,000,
30 assets of the disaster relief fund under [AS 26.23.020](#)(h) - (k) or 26.23.3
31 the declaration of a public health disaster emergency issued by the gover

012020, as extended by sec. 2 of this Act.

02 (c) Notwithstanding [AS 26.23.050](#)(b), the expenditure of state funds to c
03 effects of the declaration of a public health disaster emergency issued b
04 March 11, 2020, as extended by sec. 2 of this Act, is limited to the appr
05 expenditure authority identified in (a) and (b) of this section.

06 * Sec. 4. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by addi
07 read:

08 STANDING ORDERS. (a) The chief medical officer in the Department of
09 Social Services, or, if the chief medical officer is incapacitated, the c

10 designee, shall issue standing orders for public health agents and health
11 to essential public health services and functions and in response to cond
12 importance that are related to novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Stan
13 be effective until retracted or for the duration of the public health dis
14 declaration issued by the governor on March 11, 2020, as extended by sec.
15 (b) The chief medical officer in the Department of Health and Social Ser
16 liable for civil damages resulting from an act or omission in issuing a s
17 authorized under this section if
18 (1) the standing order
19 (A) is issued to health care providers;
20 (B) is required to mitigate the COVID-19 public health disaster
21 emergency; and
22 (C) contains sufficient information in support of the need for a
23 standing order; and
24 (2) the chief medical officer provides sufficient education or training
25 to properly implement the standing order, including training manuals, vid
26 other reasonable means of implementing the standing order.
27 (c) Except as provided in (d) of this section, a public health agent or
28 provider who takes action based on a standing order issued by the chief m
29 liable for civil damages resulting from an act or omission in implementin
30 (d) Nothing in this section precludes liability for civil damages as a r
31 negligence, recklessness, or intentional misconduct.

01(e) In this section, "essential public health services and functions," "h
02 provider," and "public health agent" have the meanings given in [AS 18.15.](#)

03 * Sec. 5. The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by addi
04 read:

05 REPORTS. Beginning May 1, 2020, the governor shall electronically submit,
06 first day of each month, a report to the president of the senate and the
07 representatives that lists the expenditures used to cope with the public
08 emergency declared by the governor on March 11, 2020, as extended by sec.
09 and identifies all actions taken by the governor, the Department of Healt
10 the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, and other state agencie
11 the prevention, control, and status of novel coronavirus disease (COVID-1
12 state. The report must include an explanation, made without disclosing in
13 identify individuals, of any activities related to the isolation or quara
14 contain the spread of COVID-19. The governor shall submit a final report
15 January 15, 2021, or 60 days after the date the governor determines, unde
16 that the public health disaster emergency no longer exists, whichever is
17 submitted under this section must include cumulative information.

18 * Sec. 6. The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by addi
19 read:

20 PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING. (a) Notwithstanding any
21 other provision of law, during the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) p
22 disaster emergency declared by the governor on March 11, 2020, as extende
23 Act, a professional or occupational licensing board listed in [AS 08.01.01](#)
24 with respect to a profession regulated by the Department of Commerce, Com
25 Economic Development,

26 (1) may not increase licensing fees; and
27 (2) may grant a license, permit, or certificate on an expedited basis to

28 individual who holds a corresponding license, permit, or certificate in g
29 another jurisdiction to the extent necessary to respond to the public hea
30 a license expedited under this section expires on the earlier of

31 (A) November 15, 2020; or

01 (B) the date the governor determines, under sec. 2 of thi
02 public health disaster emergency no longer exists.

03 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and to the extent necessa
04 to the public health disaster emergency, a board listed in [AS 08.01.010](#),
05 commerce, community, and economic development, or the director, as applic
06 additional action necessary to protect public health, safety, and welfare

07 (1) temporarily waiving or modifying the continuing education
08 required for licensees to renew a professional license, permit, or certif
09 2020;

10 (2) regulating the scope and duration of any license, permit, or certifi
11 issued under this section;

12 (3) requiring any individual granted a license, permit, or certificate u
13 section to arrange and agree to supervision, in person or by other means,
14 holds a license, permit, or certificate in good standing for the applicab
15 administrator of a facility licensed under [AS 47.32](#).

16 (c) An individual seeking or holding an expedited license, permit, or ce
17 this section who travels to the state from outside the state must comply
18 ordered or guidelines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and
19 United States Department of Health and Human Services, that are in effect
20 individual arrives in the state.

21 (d) In this section, "director" means the director of the division in th
22 Commerce, Community, and Economic Development responsible for business an
23 professional licensing.

24 * Sec. 7. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by addi
25 read:

26 TELEMEDICINE AND TELEHEALTH. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of
27 law, during the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) public health disast
28 declared by the governor under [AS 26.23.020](#) on March 11, 2020, as extende
29 this Act, the provisions of [AS 08.64.170](#) and [AS 08.68.160](#) do not apply to
30 provider who is providing treatment, rendering a diagnosis, or prescribin
31 administering a prescription, excluding a controlled substance listed und

0111.71.190, through telehealth as defined in [AS 47.05.270](#)(e), without first
02 person physical examination, if

03 (1) the health care provider is licensed, permitted, or certi
04 health care services in another jurisdiction and is in good standing in t
05 issued the license, permit, or certification;

06 (2) the health care services provided without an in-person ph
07 examination are within the provider's authorized scope of practice in the
08 issued the provider's license, permit, or certification;

09 (3) in the event that the health care provider determines tha
10 extend beyond the scope of practice or scope of services described in thi
11 care provider advises the patient that the health care provider is not au
12 services to the patient, recommends that the patient contact a health car
13 the state, and terminates the encounter.

14 (b) The amount charged by a health care provider for services provided u
15 section must be reasonable and consistent with the ordinary fees typicall
16 service and may not be more than five percent above the ordinary fees typ
17 that service. A health care provider who is required to terminate an enco
18 this section may not charge for any services provided during the encounte
19 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during the COVID-19 publ
20 disaster emergency, the commissioner of health and social services may wa
21 or regulation if compliance would substantially prevent or impede the pro
22 services under this section. Nothing in this subsection may be construed
23 granted to the commissioner of health and social services under [AS 18.15.](#)

24 (d) In this section, "health care provider" has the meaning given
25 * Sec. 8. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by addi
26 read:

27 FINGERPRINTING. For the duration of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-
28 public health disaster emergency declaration issued by the governor on Ma
29 extended by sec. 2 of this Act, the Department of Commerce, Community, an
30 Development shall coordinate with the Department of Health and Social Ser
31 Department of Public Safety to expedite the process for applicants under

01 [AS 08.64](#), [AS 08.68](#), [AS 08.71](#), [AS 08.72](#), [AS 08.80](#), [AS 08.84](#), and [AS 08.86](#) t
02 fingerprints.

03 * Sec. 9. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by addi
04 read:

05 ELECTIONS: LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. (a) Notwithstanding any provision in
06 [AS 15.15](#) or [AS 15.20](#) to the contrary, for the duration of the novel coron
07 (COVID-19) public health disaster emergency declaration issued by the gov
08 March 11, 2020, as extended by sec. 2 of this Act, the director of the di
09 conduct all elections in the same manner as an election by mail under [AS](#)

10 (b) The director of the division of elections may adopt regulations nece
11 implement this section, including emergency regulations. The director sha
12 if the elections held in calendar year 2020 will be held in the same mann
13 mail under [AS 15.20.800](#). The director shall inform the public by means in
14 electronic mail, telephone, social media, public service announcements, r
15 television advertisements, web announcements, or print media.

16 * Sec. 10. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by add
17 read:

18 PERMANENT FUND DIVIDENDS: APPLICATIONS. Notwithstanding
19 [AS 43.23.011](#)(a), the application period for a 2020 permanent fund dividen
20 2020.

21 * Sec. 11. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by add
22 read:

23 TAX FILINGS, PAYMENTS, AND PENALTIES. Except for any tax return, report,
24 or payment required under [AS 43.55](#) or [AS 43.56](#), a taxpayer required to fi
25 including an amended return or an information return or report, to the De
26 or to make a payment to the Department of Revenue for a tax, fee, or othe
27 [AS 05.15](#), [AS 16.10.455](#), [AS 16.51](#), or [AS 43](#), on or after the effective dat
28 before July 15, 2020, shall automatically receive an extension of time un
29 file the return or report, or to make the payment. Because of the applica
30 in this section, a penalty or interest will not be assessed if the taxpay
31 filing and payment requirements on or before July 15, 2020. An extension

01 does not apply to a taxpayer for any return or report required to be filed
02 date of this Act and any payment of tax, interest, penalty, or other char
03 effective date of this Act.

04 * Sec. 12. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by add
05 read:

06 MEETINGS OF SHAREHOLDERS; NOTICE OF SHAREHOLDER MEETINGS;

07 CORPORATIONS. (a) Notwithstanding [AS 10.06.405](#), a meeting of shareholders
08 held by electronic communication to the extent the corporation's board au
09 guidelines to govern an electronic meeting.

10 (b) Notwithstanding [AS 10.06.410](#), a corporation that has distributed or
11 distribute, on the effective date of this Act, a proxy statement and noti
12 its shareholders may renotece or notice the annual meeting so that the an
13 held by electronic communication authorized under (a) of this section.

14 (c) Notwithstanding [AS 10.20.061](#) - 10.20.076, a meeting of the members o
15 nonprofit corporation organized under [AS 10.20](#), including meeting notice
16 of a quorum, may be held by telecommunication to the extent the corporati
17 or amends bylaws to allow for an electronic meeting.

18 (d) Notwithstanding (a) - (c) of this section and a provision of [AS 10.0](#)
19 to the contrary, a meeting, including the notice of the meeting and deter
20 of the shareholders of a Native corporation organized under [AS 10.06](#) or t
21 Native corporation organized under [AS 10.20](#) may be held by electronic com
22 telecommunication to the extent the corporation's board of directors auth
23 meetings by electronic communication or telecommunication and adopts guid
24 a meeting held by electronic communication or telecommunication. In this
25 "Native corporation" means a corporation organized under 43 U.S.C. 1601 e
26 Native Claims Settlement Act).

27 * Sec. 13. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by add
28 read:

29 MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT DEADLINES. Notwithstanding any provision in
30 [AS 29](#) to the contrary, a deadline established under [AS 29](#) that occurs on
31 date of this Act is extended until the earlier of

01 (1) November 15, 2020; or

02 (2) the date the governor determines, under sec. 2 of this Ac
03 health disaster emergency no longer exists.

04 * Sec. 14. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by add
05 read:

06 ALASKA REGIONAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. (a)

07 Notwithstanding [AS 44.33.896](#), the Department of Commerce, Community, and
08 Development may make grants to organizations for distribution as financia
09 businesses for operating expenses during the novel coronavirus disease (C
10 health disaster emergency declared by the governor on March 11, 2020, as
11 of this Act. The Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Developm
12 distribute grants under this subsection among qualified organizations bas
13 population.

14 (b) An organization that receives a grant under (a) of this sectio

15 (1) develop an application procedure for a business to apply for financi
16 assistance;

17 (2) determine the amount of financial assistance for distribution to a b
18 based on the size, assets, resources, financial history, and needs of the
19 (3) provide information requested by the Department of Commerce,
20 Community, and Economic Development for purposes of the report compiled u
21 [AS 44.33.896\(e\)](#).

22 (c) In this section, "organization" has the meaning given in [AS 44](#)
23 * Sec. 15. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by add
24 read:

25 WORKERS' COMPENSATION PRESUMPTION OF COMPENSABILITY. (a)

26 Notwithstanding [AS 23.30.121](#), 23.30.395(2), and 23.30.395(24), an employe
27 the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is conclusively presumed to have
28 occupational disease arising out of and in the course of employment if, d
29 health disaster emergency declared by the governor on March 11, 2020, as
30 of this Act, the employee

31 (1) is employed as a firefighter, emergency medical technician, paramedi

01 peace officer, or health care provider;

02 (2) is exposed to COVID-19 in the course of employment as a f
03 emergency medical technician, paramedic, peace officer, or health care pr

04 (3) receives a

05 (A) COVID-19 diagnosis by a physician;

06 (B) presumptive positive COVID-19 test result; or

07 (C) laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis.

08 (b) In this section,

09 (1) "emergency medical technician" has the meaning given in [A](#)

10 (2) "firefighter" means

11 (A) a person employed by a state or municipal fire department or who

12 is a member of a volunteer fire department registered with the stat

13 (B) a person registered for purposes of workers' compensation with the

14 state fire marshal as a member of a volunteer fire department;

15 (3) "health care provider" has the meaning given in [AS 13.52.](#)

16 (4) "paramedic" has the meaning given in [AS 12.55.185](#);

17 (5) "peace officer" has the meaning given in [AS 11.81.900](#).

18 * Sec. 16. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by add
19 read:

20 ALLOWABLE ABSENCE FOR THE PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND.

21 Notwithstanding [AS 43.23.005\(a\)\(4\)](#) and 43.23.008(d), during the novel cor
22 (COVID-19) public health disaster emergency declared by the governor on M
23 as extended by sec. 2 of this Act, an individual otherwise eligible for a
24 dividend who has notified the commissioner of revenue or the commissioner
25 the individual expects to be absent from the state for a continuous perio
26 March 11, 2020, remains eligible to receive a permanent fund dividend if
27 individual would be ineligible to receive a permanent fund dividend is th
28 absent from the state because of conduct, including maintaining a volunta
29 quarantine, related to avoiding or preventing the spread of COVID-19.

30 * Sec. 17. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by add
31 read:

01 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES; RETAIL SELLERS.

02 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for the duration of the novel
03 (COVID-19) public health disaster emergency declared by the governor unde
04 on March 11, 2020, as extended by sec. 2 of this Act, the Department of H
05 Services may, in coordination with the Department of Military and Veteran
06 sanitation procedures for retail sellers. In this section, "retail seller
07 grocery store, convenience store, drug store, or similar establishment th
08 (1) is located in a permanent building; and

09 (2) sells to consumers household supplies, perishable items, or food
10 merchandise, including meat, produce, dairy products, or snack foods.

11 * Sec. 18. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by add
12 read:

13 TOLLING DEADLINES FOR ACTION BY THE REGULATORY COMMISSION

14 OF ALASKA. Notwithstanding a contrary provision of [AS 42](#), including a pro
15 [AS 42.05](#) or [AS 42.08](#), during the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pub
16 disaster emergency declared by the governor on March 11, 2020, as extende
17 Act, all statutory and regulatory deadlines for action by the Regulatory
18 are tolled and failure by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska to act on a
19 constitute approval or dismissal by the commission. This section does not
20 or regulatory deadline extended by the commission before March 11, 2020,
21 under [AS 42.05.175](#)(f).

22 * Sec. 19. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by add
23 read:

24 MORATORIUM ON DISCONNECTION OF RESIDENTIAL UTILITY SERVICE.

25 (a) During the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) public health disaste
26 declared by the governor on March 11, 2020, as extended by sec. 2 of this
27 as defined in [AS 42.05.990](#) may not disconnect for nonpayment the resident
28 of a person experiencing financial hardship related to the COVID-19 publi
29 emergency. A public utility shall make reasonable efforts to reconnect ut
30 dwelling that is occupied by a person experiencing financial hardship rel
31 19 public health disaster emergency and that is disconnected for nonpayme

01 March 11, 2020.

02 (b) A person seeking protection under (a) of this section shall, b
03 governor determines, under sec. 2 of this Act, that the COVID-19 public h
04 emergency no longer exists, or before November 15, 2020, whichever is ear

05 (1) provide to the public utility a signed statement, sworn u
06 perjury, that the person is experiencing financial hardship related to th
07 health disaster emergency; and

08 (2) negotiate and agree to a deferred payment agreement with

09 (c) This section does not relieve a public utility customer of the
10 utility service or restrict a public utility's ability to recover an amou
11 (d) A utility shall offer a person receiving protection under (a) of thi
12 deferred payment agreement allowing repayment over a period of time not s
13 period of time of the public health disaster emergency declared by the go
14 2020, as extended by sec. 2 of this Act. The utility may not impose inter
15 person receiving protection under (a) of this section who fulfills the te
16 payment agreement.

17 (e) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, the Regulatory Commis
18 Alaska and the Alaska Energy Authority may not deny a utility otherwise e
19 power cost equalization payments on behalf of a utility customer power co

20 payments for customers receiving protection under (a) of this section.

21 (f) In this section,

22 (1) "financial hardship" means that a person's liquid assets from any so
23 including payments from the state or federal government because of the CO
24 health disaster emergency or a state or national disaster declaration rel
25 when combined, would be insufficient to pay the reasonable cost of food,
26 care, and other goods and services vital to the health and wellness of th
27 person's spouse and dependents; in this paragraph, "dependent" has the me
28 [AS 23.20.350](#)(g);

29 (2) "person" means a natural person.

30 * Sec. 20. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by add
31 read:

01REGULATORY ASSETS FOR UNPAID UTILITY BILLS AND

02 EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES. A utility certificated under [AS 42.05](#) may record
03 regulatory assets, to be recovered through future rates, for uncollectabl
04 and extraordinary expenses that result from the novel coronavirus disease
05 health disaster emergency declared by the governor on March 11, 2020, as
06 of this Act. The determination as to whether an extraordinary expense res
07 COVID-19 public health disaster emergency and the amortization periods fo
08 assets are subject to approval by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska bef
09 occurs through future rates. In this section, an "uncollectable residenti
10 include a debt paid under a deferred payment agreement under sec. 19 of t

11 * Sec. 21. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by add
12 read:

13 MORATORIUM ON EVICTIONS FOR NONPAYMENT OF RENT. (a) Until the
14 date the governor determines, under sec. 2 of this Act, that the novel co
15 (COVID-19) public health disaster emergency no longer exists, or until Ju
16 whichever is earlier, the statutory cause of action for forcible entry an
17 nonpayment of rent under [AS 09.45](#) and any other statutory cause of action
18 to evict or otherwise eject a person who is a residential tenant for nonp
19 including for nonpayment of rent for a storage unit for personal property
20 applied to a person experiencing financial hardship related to the COVID-
21 disaster emergency.

22 (b) A person seeking protection under (a) of this section shall, before
23 provide to the landlord a signed statement, sworn under penalty of perjur
24 experiencing financial hardship related to the COVID-19 public health dis

25 (c) Nothing in this section

26 (1) prevents evictions for misconduct, violations of law, or violations
27 contracts outside of inability to pay rent;

28 (2) may be construed to increase civil liability of a landlor

29 (d) This section does not relieve a person of the obligation to pay rent
30 landlord's ability to recover rent due.

31 (e) In this section,

01(1) "financial hardship" means that a person's liquid assets from any sou
02 including payments from the state or federal government because of the CO
03 health disaster emergency or a state or national disaster declaration rel
04 when combined, would be insufficient to pay the reasonable cost of food,

05 care, and other goods and services vital to the health and wellness of th
06 person's spouse and dependents; in this paragraph, "dependent" has the me
07 [AS 23.20.350](#)(g);

08 (2) "person" means a natural person.

09 * Sec. 22. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by add
10 read:

11 INCOME DETERMINATIONS FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. (a) Notwithstanding
12 [AS 43.23.240](#)(a), until the date the governor determines, under sec. 2 of
13 novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) public health disaster emergency no
14 until November 15, 2020, whichever is earlier, in determining the eligibi
15 under a public assistance program administered by the Department of Healt
16 Services in which eligibility for assistance is based on financial need,
17 Health and Social Services may not consider a permanent fund dividend or
18 individual by another state or federal program because of the COVID-19 ou
19 or resources received by the recipient of public assistance or by a membe
20 household unless required to do so by federal law or regulation.

21 (b) Notwithstanding [AS 43.23.240](#)(b), and to the extent consistent with f
22 until the date the governor determines, under sec. 2 of this Act, that th
23 health disaster emergency no longer exists, or until November 15, 2020, w
24 when determining the eligibility of an individual for medical assistance
25 - 1396p (Social Security Act, Title XIX), the individual is entitled to r
26 medical assistance as the individual would have received under 42 U.S.C.
27 (Social Security Act, Title XIX) had there been no Alaska permanent fund
28 and no money paid to the individual by another state or federal program b
29 COVID-19 outbreak.

30 (c) Notwithstanding [AS 43.23.240](#)(c) and the limit in [AS 47.25.130](#), and t
31 consistent with federal law, until the date the governor determines, unde

01that the COVID-19 public health disaster emergency no longer exists, or un
02 2020, whichever is earlier, when determining the eligibility of an indivi
03 assistance under [AS 47.25.120](#) - 47.25.300 (general relief assistance prog
04 is entitled to receive the same amount as the individual would have recei
05 public assistance programs had there been no Alaska permanent fund divide
06 no money paid to the individual by another state or federal program becau
07 outbreak.

08 (d) Notwithstanding [AS 43.23.250](#), until the date the governor determines
09 2 of this Act, that the COVID-19 public health disaster emergency no long
10 November 15, 2020, whichever is earlier, a program administered by the st
11 instrumentalities or municipalities, the eligibility for which is based o
12 not consider a permanent fund dividend or money paid to the individual by
13 federal program because of the COVID-19 outbreak as income or resources u
14 do so by federal law or regulation.

15 * Sec. 23. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by add
16 read:

17 FORBEARANCE OF STATE LOANS. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of state
18 law and to the extent consistent with federal law, until the date the gov
19 sec. 2 of this Act, that the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) public
20 emergency no longer exists, or until November 15, 2020, whichever is earl
21 experiences financial hardship related to the COVID-19 public health disa
22 state, as a lender or the administrator of a loan, may not find the borro

23 court or an arbitrator to find the borrower in default, or seize or other
24 that is in the possession or control of the borrower.

25 (b) A borrower seeking protection under (a) of this section shall, before
26 governor determines, under sec. 2 of this Act, that the COVID-19 public health
27 emergency no longer exists, or November 15, 2020, whichever is earlier, provide
28 or administrator of the loan a signed statement, sworn under penalty of perjury
29 borrower is experiencing financial hardship related to the COVID-19 public
30 emergency.

31 (c) This section does not relieve a person of the obligation to pay a debt

01 creditor's ability to recover an amount due.

02 (d) In this section,

03 (1) "financial hardship" means that a person's liquid assets from any source
04 including payments from the state or federal government because of the COVID-19
05 health disaster emergency or a state or national disaster declaration relating to
06 when combined, would be insufficient to pay the reasonable cost of food,
07 care, and other goods and services vital to the health and wellness of the
08 person's spouse and dependents; in this paragraph, "dependent" has the meaning
09 [AS 23.20.350\(g\)](#);

10 (2) "person" means a natural person;

11 (3) "state" means the State of Alaska, the Alaska Industrial Development
12 Export Authority, the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, and a
13 programs that lend, or enter into agreement to lend, money for or on behalf of
14 Alaska, except for the

15 (A) Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, when the corporation is
16 providing a loan that is not a single family residential mortgage loan or
17 assistance;

18 (B) Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation;

19 (C) Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority;

20 (D) Alaska Municipal Bond Bank;

21 (E) Alaska Retirement Management Board; or

22 (F) Department of Revenue, treasury division.

23 * Sec. 24. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding
24 read:

25 MORATORIUM ON FORECLOSURES. (a) Until the date the governor determines,
26 under sec. 2 of this Act, that the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) public
27 emergency no longer exists, or until June 30, 2020, whichever is earlier, no
28 action for foreclosure under [AS 09.45](#) and any other statutory cause of action
29 used to foreclose on real property is suspended as applied to a person experiencing
30 hardship related to the COVID-19 public health disaster emergency.

31 (b) A person seeking protection under (a) of this section shall, before

01 provide to the creditor seeking foreclosure a signed statement, sworn under
02 that the person is experiencing financial hardship related to the COVID-19
03 disaster emergency.

04 (c) This section does not relieve a person of the obligation to pay a debt
05 creditor's ability to recover an amount due.

06 (d) This section does not apply to real property that is vacant or

07 (e) In this section,

08 (1) "financial hardship" means that a person's liquid assets
09 including payments from the state or federal government because of the CO
10 health disaster emergency or a state or national disaster declaration rel
11 when combined, would be insufficient to pay the reasonable cost of food,
12 care, and other goods and services vital to the health and wellness of th
13 person's spouse and dependents; in this paragraph, "dependent" has the me
14 [AS 23.20.350\(g\)](#);

15 (2) "person" means a natural person.

16 * Sec. 25. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by add
17 read:

18 WITNESSING OF WILL SIGNING BY VIDEOCONFERENCE. (a)

19 Notwithstanding [AS 13.12.502](#), for the duration of the novel coronavirus d
20 public health disaster emergency declared by the governor on March 11, 20
21 sec. 2 of this Act, and for 10 days thereafter, a will may be signed or w
22 videoconference by one or more of the witnesses required, if the will con
23 substantially similar to the following:

24 Under penalty of perjury, I assert that I am a member of a group that has
25 declared by the World Health Organization or the United States Centers fo
26 Disease Control and Prevention to be at higher risk for severe illness fr
27 novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19), or I have been advised by a health
28 provider or a state, local, or federal agency that being in the physical
29 of others may expose me or others to a health risk related to novel coron
30 disease (COVID-19).

31 (b) Within 60 days after the execution of a will by videoconference unde

01section, each person who witnessed the will by videoconference shall sign
02 will, or an exact facsimile of the will, a statement substantially simila
03 Under penalty of perjury, I assert that (1) the testator has informed me
04 testator is a member of a group that has been declared by the World Healt
05 Organization or the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevent
06 to be at higher risk for severe illness from novel coronavirus dise
07 19), or I have been advised by a health care provider or a state, local,
08 agency that being in the physical presence of others may expose me or oth
09 to a health risk related to novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19); and (2)
10 satisfied that the will to which this statement is attached is eith
11 will signed by the testator or is an exact facsimile of the origina
12 (c) In this section, "videoconference" means a conference using technolo
13 enables the testator, notary, or the person making the acknowledgment and
14 executing the document and witnesses to, while in different locations, si
15 communicate orally and maintain visual contact.

16 * Sec. 26. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by add
17 read:

18 UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES. A person that charges more than
19 10 percent over the price charged for supplies in this state in the norma
20 before the start of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) public healt
21 emergency declared by the governor on March 11, 2020, as extended by sec.
22 commits an unfair or deceptive act or practice under [AS 45.50.471](#) - 45.50
23 Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act), unless the charge that exce
24 caused by an increased cost for the seller to purchase the supplies or, f
25 business of selling fuel, caused by normal fluctuations in the market for

26 and demand. This section applies regardless of whether the person was in
27 selling supplies before March 11, 2020. In this section, "supplies" means

- 28 (1) food;
- 29 (2) medicine;
- 30 (3) medical equipment;
- 31 (4) fuel;

- 01 (5) sanitation products;
- 02 (6) hygiene products;
- 03 (7) essential household supplies; and
- 04 (8) other essential goods.

05 * Sec. 27. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by add
06 read:

07 MORATORIUM ON REPOSSESSION OF MOTOR VEHICLES. (a)

08 Notwithstanding another provision of law to the contrary, a creditor or p
09 of a creditor may not repossess or otherwise take possession of a motor v
10 watercraft until the date the governor determines, under sec. 2 of this A
11 coronavirus disease (COVID-19) public health disaster emergency no longer
12 June 30, 2020, whichever is earlier, if a person is experiencing financia
13 the COVID-19 public health disaster emergency and is unable to make a loa
14 on payment that is owed on a motor vehicle, aircraft, or watercraft under
15 agreement. In this subsection,

- 16 (1) "aircraft" has the meaning given in [AS 02.15.260](#);
- 17 (2) "motor vehicle" has the meaning given in [AS 28.90.990](#); an
- 18 (3) "watercraft" has the meaning given in [AS 11.46.360](#).

19 (b) A person seeking protection under (a) of this section shall, before
20 provide to the creditor a signed statement, sworn under penalty of perjur
21 experiencing financial hardship related to the COVID-19 public health dis

22 (c) This section does not relieve a person of the obligation to pay a de
23 creditor's ability to recover an amount due.

24 (d) In this section,

25 (1) "financial hardship" means that a person's liquid assets from any so
26 including payments from the state or federal government because of the CO
27 health disaster emergency or a state or national disaster declaration rel
28 when combined, would be insufficient to pay the reasonable cost of food,
29 care, and other goods and services vital to the health and wellness of th
30 person's spouse and dependents; in this paragraph, "dependent" has the me
31 [AS 23.20.350\(g\)](#);

01 (2) "person" means a natural person.

02 * Sec. 28. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by add
03 read:

04 STATE ACCESS TO FEDERAL EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUNDS. The

05 governor shall apply to the United States Department of Education for any
06 available to the state through the Education Stabilization Fund under the
07 outlined in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, also
08 CARES Act, enacted into law by the Second Session of the 116th Congress.
09 shall make reasonable efforts to make assurances required for the state t
10 maximum federal funding allocations allowable under the education stabili
11 of the CARES Act.

12 * Sec. 29. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by add

13 read:

14 PURCHASE OF SEAFOOD FOR DISTRIBUTION. The Department of Commerce,
15 Community, and Economic Development is encouraged to issue a request for
16 purchase of Alaska seafood from the seafood industry for distribution dur
17 public health disaster emergency to food banks and soup kitchens in the s
18 regional corporations, and Alaska Native regional nonprofit organizations
19 throughout the state.

20 * Sec. 30. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by add
21 read:

22 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS. Until the date the
23 governor determines, under sec. 2 of this Act, that the novel coronavirus
24 public health disaster emergency no longer exists, or until November 15,
25 earlier, subject to appropriation, the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
26 shall provide financial assistance on a statewide, regional, or community
27 address or prevent homelessness caused by the COVID-19 public health disa

28 * Sec. 31. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by add
29 read:

30 TOLLING OF OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS DEADLINES. (a)

31 Notwithstanding a contrary provision of state law and to the extent consi

01law, during the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) public health disaste
02 declared by the governor on March 11, 2020, as extended by sec. 2 of this
03 administrative hearings may toll a statutory or regulatory deadline occur
04 COVID-19 public health disaster emergency for the duration of the emergen
05 extended by sec. 2 of this Act, and 30 days thereafter, for

06 (1) the office of administrative hearings to take an action o
07 or proposed decision;

08 (2) a final decision maker to take an action on a proposed de
09 office of administrative hearings;

10 (3) a party who is requesting the office of administrative hearings or a
11 decision maker to take action or make a decision on a matter.

12 (b) Failure by the office of administrative hearings to take action or m
13 on a matter by a statutory or regulatory deadline tolled under (a) of thi
14 constitute approval or denial of the matter.

15 (c) This section does not apply to

16 (1) a statutory or regulatory deadline occurring before March 11, 2020,
17 after the public health disaster emergency ends;

18 (2) a deadline under [AS 44.64.060](#) related to a matter referred to the of
19 administrative hearings by the Department of Revenue or the Department of
20 Social Services;

21 (3) a deadline for acting on a summary suspension of a facility or occup
22 license.

23 (d) The office of administrative hearings shall continue to make reasona
24 take action and issue decisions as soon as possible during the public hea
25 emergency and may not arbitrarily or unreasonably fail to act or make dec

26 * Sec. 32. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by add
27 read:

28 LIABILITY: PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT. (a) In addition to the

29 immunity available under [AS 09.65.091](#), during the novel coronavirus disea

30 public health disaster emergency declared by the governor on March 11, 20
31 sec. 2 of this Act, a health care provider or manufacturer of personal pr

01not liable for civil damages resulting from an act or omission in issuing,
02 manufacturing personal protective equipment in the event of injury or dea
03 personal protective equipment if the personal protective equipment was is
04 manufactured in good faith to respond to the COVID-19 public health disas
05 (b) Nothing in this section precludes liability for civil damages as a r
06 negligence, recklessness, or intentional misconduct.

07 (c) A health care provider or manufacturer of personal protective equipm
08 issues, provides, or manufactures personal protective equipment to respon
09 public health disaster emergency declared by the governor on March 11, 20
10 sec. 2 of this Act, shall notify the user of the personal protective equi
11 may not meet established federal standards and requirements.

12 (d) In this section, "health care provider" has the meaning given in [AS](#)
13 a nursing home.

14 * Sec. 33. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by add
15 read:

16 TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. (a) The commissioner of health and social servic
17 may adopt regulations necessary to implement sec. 22 of this Act.

18 (b) The commissioner of administration or the commissioner's designee ma
19 regulations necessary to implement sec. 23 of this Act.

20 (c) The regulations adopted under this section are not subject to [AS 44.](#)
21 (Administrative Procedure Act).

22 * Sec. 34. Sections 1 - 4, 6 - 20, 22, 23, 30, and 32 of this Act are
23 (1) November 15, 2020; or

24 (2) the date the governor determines, under sec. 2 of this Act, that the
25 health disaster emergency declared by the governor under [AS 26.23.020](#) on
26 as extended by sec. 2 of this Act, no longer exists.

27 * Sec. 35. Section 5 of this Act is repealed January 16, 2021.

28 * Sec. 36. Sections 21, 24, and 27 of this Act are repealed June 30, 2

29 * Sec. 37. Sections 25, 26, 28, 29, and 31 of this Act are repealed Ma

30 * Sec. 38. Regulations adopted under sec. 33 of this Act are annulled

31 * Sec. 39. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by add

01read:

02 RETROACTIVITY. (a) If secs. 1 - 14 and 16 - 21 of this Act take eff
03 April 10, 2020, secs. 1 - 14 and 16 - 21 of this Act are retroactive to A

04 (b) Sections 15 and 22 - 32 of this Act are retroactive to March 1

05 * Sec. 40. This Act takes effect immediately under [AS 01.10.070](#)(c).