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To adjust the Federal medical assistance percentage determined for Alaska under the medicaid program to reflect Alaska's cost-of-living.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 11, 1997

Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself and Mr STEVENS) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Alaska Medicaid Eq-
5 uity Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1905(b) of the Social Se-
8 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(b)) is amended by adding
9 at the end the following: “Notwithstanding the first sen-
10 tence of this subsection, in the case of Alaska, the Federal

1 medical assistance percentage shall be 100 per centum less
2 that percentage which bears the same ratio to 45 per cen-
3 tum as the square of the adjusted per capita income of
4 Alaska bears to the square of the per capita income of
5 the 50 States. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the
6 adjusted per capita income of Alaska shall be determined
7 by dividing the 3-year average per capita income for Alas-
8 ka by 1.25.”.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
10 subsection (a) applies to fiscal year quarters beginning on
11 and after the date of enactment of this Act.

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