

# ***Alcoholic treatment Facilities in plans***

A bond issue for \$10 million dollars to construct alcoholic treatment facilities in six Alaskan communities passed the Senate today.

The bill is sponsored by Senators John Sackett, R-Galena, Frank Ferguson, D-Kotzebue, Chancy Croft, D-Anchorage and Bill Ray, D-Juneau. The bill provides \$3 million dollars each to Anchorage and Fairbanks, \$2 million to Juneau, \$1 million to Bethel, \$600,000 to Nome and \$400,000 to Kotzebue.

Sackett, the prime sponsor of the bond issue, noted that since being drunk in public is no longer a crime there is a distinct need for detoxification rehabilitation and counseling facilities.

"Rather than again change the law to put intoxicated persons back in jail, facilities are needed to assist the rehabilitating persons who desire assistance."

"If this bond issue is approved by the voters, these facilities will be built by the state and turned over to each municipality to operate under existing alcoholism programs."

"It is anticipated that the facilities will bring together under one roof all of those services that will be needed," Sackett stated.