

Longevity Bonus In Second Year

The second year of operations of the Longevity Bonus Program, passed into law by the 1972 Legislature, finds 5,174 bonus payments going to Alaskan "old-timers" for the month of May 1974.

The law requires monthly re-applications excepting for recipients living in remote areas who must reapply every six months. Still each month over 150 recipients fail to mail in their reapplications.

New applications averaged 83 per month last year. Terminations, due mostly to deaths, averaged 25 per month.

A number of recipients failed to return to Alaska within 180 days and will not be eligible for the longevity bonuses for 12 months after return to Alaska.

In addition to those Alaskans receiving the bonus in any particular month from 200 to 400 persons otherwise eligible, do not receive bonuses because of temporary, but over 30 days, absences from the state.

This section of the law has applied to recipients from Ketchikan, Anchorage, Fairbanks, Skagway, and other areas of the state.

Old-timers on trips "outside" should keep track of their days, but time in a medical hospital on doctor's orders is not included in number of days absent from Alaska.