



Anchorage Firefighters Local 1264



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Representative Charisse Millett
State Capitol Room 412
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Ref: HB 87 – Medical Benefits of Disabled Peace Officers

Dear Representative Millett:

The International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 1264 is in support of HB 87 in regards to the lack of medical benefits to Alaska's peace officers who are injured on the job during their twentieth to twenty fifth year of service.

This bill fixes a major discrepancy in the PERS system that has a direct result of harming Alaska's firefighters, correction officers, and public safety officers in general within their twenty to twenty fifth year of service. These individuals will put in entire careers of service only to have all the benefits they have worked for as a state employee taken away for the last five years of service. Please don't hesitate to contact us should you have any questions in regards to this legislation.

Sincerely,

Tom Wescott
President, IAFF Local 1264