

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 234

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE HALL

Introduced: 2/23/26

Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, Labor and Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to emergency medical dispatchers; classifying dispatchers in police or
2 fire departments and in state trooper offices as peace officers under the public
3 employees' retirement system; and providing for an effective date."

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 * **Section 1.** AS 18.08.200(7) is amended to read:

6 (7) "emergency medical dispatcher" means **an initial first responder**
7 [A] trained **as a** public safety telecommunicator with additional training and specific
8 emergency medical knowledge essential for the efficient management of emergency
9 medical communications;

10 * **Sec. 2.** AS 39.35.680(30) is amended to read:

11 (30) "peace officer" or "firefighter" means an employee occupying a
12 position as a peace officer, chief of police, regional public safety officer, correctional
13 officer, correctional superintendent, firefighter, fire chief, **dispatcher in a police or**
14 **fire department or in a state trooper office,** or probation officer, but does not

1 include a village public safety officer **or dispatcher** employed by a village public
2 safety officer program established under AS 18.65.670;

3 * **Sec. 3.** AS 39.35.990(20) is amended to read:

4 (20) "peace officer" or "firefighter" means an employee occupying a
5 position as a peace officer, chief of police, regional public safety officer, correctional
6 officer, correctional superintendent, firefighter, fire chief, **dispatcher in a police or**
7 **fire department or in a state trooper office,** or probation officer, but does not
8 include a village public safety officer **or dispatcher** employed by a village public
9 safety officer program established under AS 18.65.670;

10 * **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2026.