

AMENDMENT #1

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE
TO: HB 210

BY REPRESENTATIVE HANNAN

1 Page 1, line 1:

2 Delete "for peace officers and firefighters"

3 Insert "and medical benefits available under the public employees' retirement
4 system"

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6 Page 1, lines 8 - 9:

7 Delete "to an employee who is a peace officer or firefighter at the time of
8 termination"

9
10 Page 1, following line 10:

11 Insert new bill sections to read:

12 "* **Sec. 2.** AS 39.35.870 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

13 (h) Notwithstanding (a) and (g) of this section, a disabled employee who is
14 eligible to obtain a disability benefit under AS 39.35.890 is eligible to obtain retiree
15 major medical insurance benefits under AS 39.35.880.

16 * **Sec. 3.** AS 39.35.880(g) is amended to read:

17 (g) Except as provided under (l) of this section, the [THE] cost of
18 premiums for retiree major medical insurance coverage for an eligible member or
19 surviving spouse who is

20 (1) not eligible for Medicare is an amount equal to the full monthly
21 group premiums for retiree major medical insurance coverage;

22 (2) eligible for Medicare is the following percentage of the premium
23 amounts established for retirees who are eligible for Medicare:

1 (A) 30 percent if the member had 10 or more, but less than 15,
2 years of service;

3 (B) 25 percent if the member had 15 or more, but less than 20,
4 years of service;

5 (C) 20 percent if the member had 20 or more, but less than 25,
6 years of service;

7 (D) 15 percent if the member had 25 or more, but less than 30,
8 years of service;

9 (E) 10 percent if the member had 30 or more years of service.

10 * **Sec. 4.** AS 39.35.880 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

11 (I) An eligible member or surviving spouse who receives a disability benefit as
12 provided under AS 39.35.890 or 39.35.891 and is not eligible for Medicare is not
13 required to pay a premium for retiree major medical insurance coverage."
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15 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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17 Page 2, lines 1 - 2:

18 Delete "to an employee who is a peace officer or firefighter at the time of
19 termination"

AMENDMENT #2

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BY REPRESENTATIVE TOMASZEWSKI

1 Page 1, line 5:

2 Delete "40"

3 Insert "75 [40]"

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5 Page 1, lines 7 - 10:

6 Delete ". For each month of eligibility after the first 12 months, the monthly
7 benefit amount payable to an employee who is a peace officer or firefighter at the time of
8 termination is increased to 75 percent of the employee's gross monthly compensation at
9 the time of termination."

10 Insert "for an employee who is a peace officer or firefighter at the time of
11 termination, and 40 percent of the employee's gross monthly compensation at the time of
12 termination for all other employees."

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14 Page 1, line 12:

15 Delete "40"

16 Insert "75 [40]"

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18 Page 1, line 14, through page 2, line 3:

19 Delete ". For each month of eligibility after the first 12 months, the monthly
20 benefit amount payable to an employee who is a peace officer or firefighter at the time of
21 termination is increased to 75 percent of the employee's gross monthly compensation at
22 the time of termination."

23 Insert "for an employee who is a peace officer or firefighter at the time of

1 termination, and 40 percent of the employee's gross monthly compensation at the time of
2 termination for all other employees."

AMENDMENT #3

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BY REPRESENTATIVE BYNUM

1 Page 1, following line 10:

2 Insert new bill sections to read:

3 **** Sec. 2.** AS 39.35.870 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

4 (h) Notwithstanding (a) and (g) of this section, a disabled employee who is a
5 peace officer or firefighter eligible to obtain a disability benefit under AS 39.35.890 is
6 eligible to obtain retiree major medical insurance benefits under AS 39.35.880.

7 *** Sec. 3.** AS 39.35.880(g) is amended to read:

8 (g) **Except as provided under (f) of this section, the** [THE] cost of
9 premiums for retiree major medical insurance coverage for an eligible member or
10 surviving spouse who is

11 (1) not eligible for Medicare is an amount equal to the full monthly
12 group premiums for retiree major medical insurance coverage;

13 (2) eligible for Medicare is the following percentage of the premium
14 amounts established for retirees who are eligible for Medicare:

15 (A) 30 percent if the member had 10 or more, but less than 15,
16 years of service;

17 (B) 25 percent if the member had 15 or more, but less than 20,
18 years of service;

19 (C) 20 percent if the member had 20 or more, but less than 25,
20 years of service;

21 (D) 15 percent if the member had 25 or more, but less than 30,
22 years of service;

23 (E) 10 percent if the member had 30 or more years of service.

1 * **Sec. 4.** AS 39.35.880 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

2 (l) An eligible member who is a peace officer or firefighter, or the member's
3 surviving spouse, who receives a disability benefit as provided under AS 39.35.890 or
4 39.35.891 and is not eligible for Medicare is not required to pay a premium for retiree
5 major medical insurance coverage."

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7 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

AMENDMENT #4

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BY REPRESENTATIVE BYNUM

1 Page 1, line 1, following "firefighters;":

2 Insert "relating to medical benefits available under the public employees'
3 retirement system;"

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5 Page 1, following line 10:

6 Insert new bill sections to read:

7 "* **Sec. 2.** AS 39.35.870 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 (h) Notwithstanding (a) and (g) of this section, a disabled employee who is
9 eligible to obtain a disability benefit under AS 39.35.890 is eligible to obtain retiree
10 major medical insurance benefits under AS 39.35.880.

11 * **Sec. 3.** AS 39.35.880(g) is amended to read:

12 (g) **Except as provided under (l) of this section, the** [THE] cost of
13 premiums for retiree major medical insurance coverage for an eligible member or
14 surviving spouse who is

15 (1) not eligible for Medicare is an amount equal to the full monthly
16 group premiums for retiree major medical insurance coverage;

17 (2) eligible for Medicare is the following percentage of the premium
18 amounts established for retirees who are eligible for Medicare:

19 (A) 30 percent if the member had 10 or more, but less than 15,
20 years of service;

21 (B) 25 percent if the member had 15 or more, but less than 20,
22 years of service;

23 (C) 20 percent if the member had 20 or more, but less than 25,

1 years of service;

2 (D) 15 percent if the member had 25 or more, but less than 30,

3 years of service;

4 (E) 10 percent if the member had 30 or more years of service.

5 * **Sec. 4.** AS 39.35.880 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 (i) An eligible member, or the member's surviving spouse, who receives a
7 disability benefit as provided under AS 39.35.890 or 39.35.891 and is not eligible for
8 Medicare is not required to pay a premium for retiree major medical insurance
9 coverage."

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11 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

AMENDMENT #5

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BY REPRESENTATIVE BYNUM

1 Page 1, line 1, following "Act":

2 Insert "**relating to workers' compensation coverage for disability from diseases for**
3 **certain firefighters;**"

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5 Page 1, following line 3:

6 Insert a new bill section to read:

7 "*** Section 1.** AS 23.30.121(b) is amended to read:

8 (b) For a firefighter covered under AS 23.30.243,

9 (1) there is a presumption that a claim for compensation for disability
10 as a result of the following diseases is within the provisions of this chapter:

11 (A) respiratory disease;

12 (B) cardiovascular events that are experienced within 72 hours
13 after exposure to smoke, fumes, or toxic substances; and

14 (C) the following cancers:

15 (i) primary brain cancer;

16 (ii) malignant melanoma;

17 (iii) leukemia;

18 (iv) non-Hodgkin's lymphoma;

19 (v) bladder cancer;

20 (vi) ureter cancer;

21 (vii) kidney cancer;

22 (viii) prostate cancer; and

23 (ix) breast cancer;

1 (2) notwithstanding AS 23.30.100(a), following termination of service,
2 the presumption established in (1) of this subsection extends to the firefighter for a
3 period of six [THREE] calendar months for each year of requisite service but may not
4 extend more than 120 [60] calendar months following the last date of employment;

5 (3) the presumption established in (1) of this subsection applies only to
6 an active or former firefighter who has a disease described in (1) of this subsection
7 that develops or manifests itself after the firefighter has served in the state for at least
8 six [SEVEN] years and who

9 (A) underwent [WAS GIVEN] a qualifying medical
10 examination

11 (i) upon the first employment as [BECOMING] a
12 firefighter that did not show evidence of the disease;

13 (ii) at least once every two years [(B) WAS GIVEN
14 AN ANNUAL MEDICAL EXAM] during [EACH OF] the first six
15 [SEVEN] years of employment as a firefighter that did not show
16 evidence of the disease; and

17 (B) [(C)] with regard to diseases described in (1)(C) of this
18 subsection, demonstrates that, while in the course of employment as a
19 firefighter, the firefighter was exposed to a known carcinogen, as defined by
20 the International Agency for Research on Cancer or the National Toxicology
21 Program, and the carcinogen is associated with a disabling cancer."
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23 Page 1, line 4:

24 Delete "**Section 1**"

25 Insert "**Sec. 2**"

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27 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

AMENDMENT #6

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE
TO: HB 210

BY REPRESENTATIVE Jimmie

1 Page 1, line 1, following "**firefighters**";:

2 Insert "**relating to eligibility of village public safety officers for membership in the**
3 **Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska**;"

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5 Page 1, following line 10:

6 Insert a new bill section to read:

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

8 (30) "peace officer" or "firefighter" means an employee occupying a
9 position as a peace officer, chief of police, regional public safety officer, correctional
10 officer, correctional superintendent, firefighter, fire chief, [OR] probation officer, **or**
11 **village public safety officer employed by an employer that participates in the**
12 **plan**, but does not include a village public safety officer employed by a **nonprofit**
13 **regional corporation or Alaska Native organization** [VILLAGE PUBLIC SAFETY
14 OFFICER PROGRAM ESTABLISHED] under AS 18.65.670;"

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16 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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18 Page 2, following line 14:

19 Insert a new bill section to read:

20 "*** Sec. 4.** AS 39.35.990(20) is amended to read:

21 (20) "peace officer" or "firefighter" means an employee occupying a
22 position as a peace officer, chief of police, regional public safety officer, correctional
23 officer, correctional superintendent, firefighter, fire chief, [OR] probation officer, **or**

1 village public safety officer employed by an employer that participates in the
2 plan, but does not include a village public safety officer employed by a nonprofit
3 regional corporation or Alaska Native organization [VILLAGE PUBLIC SAFETY
4 OFFICER PROGRAM ESTABLISHED] under AS 18.65.670;"

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6 Renumber the following bill section accordingly.