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AN ACT

Relating to the public employees' retirement system and medical benefits under the retirement systems of the state; and providing for an effective date.

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

* Section 1. AS 39.35.360(a) is amended to read:

(a) An employee who completes three years of service with the state after January 1, 1961, for which he makes contributions required by this chapter is entitled to service credit for employment rendered to the State and former Territory of Alaska before January 1, 1961, regardless of the office, department, division, or agency of the state or territory in which he was employed, including service as a commissioned officer of the United States Public Health Service, the United States District Court and the United States Commissioner's Court serving the Territory and State of Alaska succeeded to by the Alaska court system, persons employed as United States marshals, United States deputy marshals, Civil Aeronautics Administration security guards and heavy equipment operators, United States Corps of Engineers security guards, and employees of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Alaska Road Commission and Bureau of Public Roads. The retirement benefits payable to an employee under this section which are attributable to employment rendered to the State and former Territory of Alaska before January 1, 1961, shall be reduced by the amount of the retirement pension benefits paid to him by the United States government for the same period of service.

* Sec. 2. AS 39.35.360 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(e) An employee of a detention facility provided by a local government unit to the territorial or state government under AS 33.30.060, who continues in state employment upon

transfer of the facility to the state, is entitled to service credit for his prior service with the facility if the employee remains in continuous employment with the state until July 1, 1976. To obtain service credit the employee is required to make retroactive contributions for the period of service between January 1, 1961 and the effective date of the transfer of the facility to the state.

* Sec. 3. AS 39.37 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 39.37.145. MEDICAL BENEFITS. Each person who is entitled to receive a monthly benefit from the retirement system under this chapter shall be provided with major medical insurance coverage. Coverage shall become effective on the same date as retirement benefits commence and cease when the retired employee or survivor is no longer eligible to receive a monthly benefit. The level of coverage for persons over age 65 shall be the same as that available before reaching age 65 except that the benefits payable shall be supplemental to those afforded under the federal Old Age Survivor and Disability Insurance Program, if any.

* Sec. 4. AS 22.25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 22.25.090. MEDICAL BENEFITS. Each person who is entitled to receive a monthly benefit from the retirement system under this chapter shall be provided with major medical insurance coverage. Coverage shall become effective on the same date as retirement benefits commence and cease when the retired employee or survivor is no longer eligible to receive a monthly benefit. The level of coverage for persons over age 65 shall be the same as that available before reaching age 65 except that the benefits payable shall be supplemental to those afforded under the federal Old Age Survivor and Disability Insurance Program, if any.

* Sec. 5. AS 22.28 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 22.28.130. MEDICAL BENEFITS. Each person who is entitled to receive a monthly benefit from the retirement system under this chapter shall be provided with major medical insurance coverage. Coverage shall become effective on the same date as retirement benefits commence and cease when the retired employee or survivor is no longer eligible to receive a monthly benefit. The level of coverage for persons over age 65 shall be the same as that available before reaching age 65 except that the benefits payable shall be supplemental to those afforded under the federal Old Age Survivor and Disability Insurance Program, if any.

* Sec. 6. AS 39.35.680(14) is amended to read:

(14) "peace officer and fireman" means an employee who is employed full time in the state as a peace officer, chief of police, correctional officer, correctional superintendent, qualified employee of the Department of Fish and Game, fireman or fire chief;

* Sec. 7. AS 39.35.680 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(23) "qualified employee of the Department of Fish and Game" means a full-time employee of that department whose duties necessitate a significant amount of field work, travel or exposure to hazardous working conditions, and who holds a position which is designated as complying with the requirements of this section by regulation promulgated by the commissioner of administration after consultation with the commissioner of fish and game, except that other personnel of that department are not excluded by this paragraph from status as an "employee" under (5) of this section.

* Sec. 8. This Act takes effect July 1, 1976.