

SENATE BILL NO. 324

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR DUNCAN

Introduced: 2/16/98

Referred: State Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act granting certain park rangers, nurses, and juvenile detention or juvenile
2 correctional facility employees status as peace officers under the public employees'
3 retirement system; and providing for an effective date."

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

5 * **Section 1.** AS 39.35.680(28) is amended to read:

6 (28) "peace officer" or "fire fighter" means an employee occupying a
7 position as a peace officer, chief of police, correctional officer, correctional
8 superintendent, fire fighter, fire chief, [OR] probation officer, park ranger, nurse in
9 a correctional facility, or unit leader or superintendent in a juvenile detention or
10 juvenile correctional facility;

11 * **Sec. 2.** An employee who was employed as a park ranger, nurse in a correctional facility,
12 or unit leader or superintendent at a juvenile detention or juvenile correctional facility in the
13 public employees' retirement system before the effective date of this Act may convert the
14 credited service for that position to credited service as a peace officer by claiming the service

1 as peace officer service before the member is appointed to retirement. When the member
2 claims this retroactive credited service, an indebtedness of the member to the system shall be
3 established. The indebtedness is equal to (1) the contributions to the system that the member
4 would have made if the service had counted as peace officer service, less (2) the contributions
5 to the system that the member actually made. Interest as prescribed by regulation accrues on
6 this indebtedness beginning the first day of the first month after the effective date of this Act.
7 Any outstanding indebtedness that exists at the time the member is appointed to retirement
8 will require an actuarial adjustment to the benefits payable based upon the converted credited
9 service.

10 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).