

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 230(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/4/00

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act granting certain dispatchers in police or fire departments or for the
2 state troopers status as peace officers under the public employees' retirement
3 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, dispatcher in a police or fire department
8 or in a state trooper office, correctional officer, correctional superintendent, fire
9 fighter, fire chief, or probation officer;

10 * Sec. 2. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
11 to read:

12 OPTIONAL CONVERSION OF EXISTING CREDITED SERVICE. An employee
13 who was employed as a dispatcher in a state trooper office or in a police or fire department
14 in the public employees' retirement system before the effective date of this Act may convert

1 the credited service for that position to credited service as a peace officer by claiming the
2 service as peace officer service before the member is appointed to retirement. When the
3 member claims this retroactive credited service, an indebtedness of the member to the system
4 shall be established. The indebtedness is equal to the full actuarial cost of the conversion of
5 the credited service to treatment as peace officer service. Interest as prescribed by regulation
6 accrues on this indebtedness beginning July 1, 2000. Any outstanding indebtedness that exists
7 at the time the member is appointed to retirement will require an actuarial adjustment to the
8 benefits payable based upon the conversion of the credited service.

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