

SENATE BILL NO. 295

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Introduced: 3/23/00

Referred: State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act permitting certain emergency medical personnel in police or fire
2 departments or employed by the state troopers to convert their credited service
3 under the public employees' retirement system to credited service as peace officers;
4 and providing for an effective date."

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

6 * **Section 1.** AS 39.35.370 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 (g) When an employee who was employed as an emergency medical service
8 officer or an emergency medical technician in a state trooper office or in a police or
9 fire department in the public employees' retirement system applies for appointment to
10 retirement, the employee may convert the credited service for that position to credited
11 service as a peace officer by claiming the service as peace officer service. An
12 employee who has converted credited service to peace officer service under this
13 subsection shall be treated as a peace officer for purposes of this chapter. When the
14 member claims this credited service as peace officer service, an indebtedness of the

1 member to the system shall be established. The indebtedness is equal to the full
2 actuarial cost of the conversion of the credited service to treatment as peace officer
3 service. Any outstanding indebtedness that exists at the time the member is appointed
4 to retirement will require an actuarial adjustment to the benefits payable based upon
5 the conversion of the credited service.

6 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).