

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 198(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/26/01

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE HUDSON

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to a post-retirement pension adjustment for certain persons receiving**
2 **benefits under the Elected Public Officers Retirement System."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
5 to read:

6 RETIREMENT BENEFITS UNDER ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICERS
7 RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR CERTAIN BENEFIT RECIPIENTS. (a) For a member of
8 the elected public officers retirement system receiving benefits under former
9 AS 39.37.050(a)(1), if the monthly salary and, if appropriate, the additional allowances
10 established under AS 24.10.110, authorized for the office from which the member retired has
11 not increased in at least 15 years, the monthly benefit payable to the member or the member's
12 survivor under former AS 39.37 (elected public officers retirement system) shall be increased
13 as set out in this section. The amount of the increase is an amount equal to the monthly
14 benefit to which the member or survivor is entitled multiplied by 75 percent of the percentage

1 increase in the cost of living since the benefit was last adjusted under this section or former
2 AS 39.37.050(a)(1) or since the member retired under former AS 39.37, whichever is later.

3 (b) Notwithstanding former AS 39.37.050(a)(1), if a benefit is increased under (a) of
4 this section and if the monthly salary and, if appropriate, the additional allowances established
5 under AS 24.10.110, authorized for the office from which a member retired is subsequently
6 increased, the member's or survivor's benefit under former AS 39.37 may not be increased
7 until the increase in benefits based on former AS 39.37.050(a)(1) equals or exceeds the
8 increase based on (a) of this section. If benefits based on former AS 39.37.050(a)(1) increase
9 to more than the increased benefit computed under (a) of this section, the member or survivor
10 is entitled to receive an additional increase based on the difference between the two amounts.

11 (c) The administrator of the public employees' retirement system shall implement this
12 section.

13 (d) When computing a survivor's benefit under former AS 39.37.060, adjustments
14 granted to the deceased member or survivor under this section shall be included.

15 (e) An increase in benefit payments under this section is effective July 1 of each
16 calendar year and is based on the percentage increase in the consumer price index for urban
17 wage earners and clerical workers for Anchorage, Alaska, during the previous calendar year,
18 as determined by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

19 (f) In this section, "system" means the elected public officers retirement system under
20 former AS 39.37.