

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 198(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/28/01

Referred: Rules

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 who has been receiving benefits under former
9 AS 39.37.050(a)(1) for at least 15 years, if the monthly salary and, if appropriate, the
10 additional allowances established under AS 24.10.110, authorized for the office from which
11 the member retired has not increased in at least 15 years, the monthly benefit payable to the
12 member or the member's survivor under former AS 39.37 (elected public officers retirement
13 system) shall be increased as set out in this section. The amount of the increase is an amount
14 equal to the monthly benefit to which the member or survivor is entitled multiplied by 75

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

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

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

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

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

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