

HOUSE BILL NO. 202

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Introduced: 3/22/01

Referred: State Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act granting park rangers status as peace officers under the public employees'**
2 **retirement system; and providing for an effective date."**

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

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

5 (28) "peace officer" or "fire fighter" means an employee occupying a
6 position as a peace officer, chief of police, correctional officer, correctional
7 superintendent, fire fighter, fire chief, [OR] probation officer, or park ranger;

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

10 **CONVERSION OF PAST SERVICE.** An employee who was employed as a park
11 ranger in the public employees' retirement system before the effective date of this Act may
12 convert the credited service for that position to credited service as a peace officer by claiming
13 the service as peace officer service before the member is appointed to retirement. When the
14 member claims this retroactive credited service, an indebtedness of the member to the system

1 shall be established. The indebtedness is equal to (1) the contributions to the system that the
2 member would have made if the service had counted as peace officer service, less (2) the
3 contributions to the system that the member actually made. Interest as prescribed by
4 regulation accrues on this indebtedness beginning July 1, 2001. Any outstanding
5 indebtedness that exists at the time the member is appointed to retirement will require an
6 actuarial adjustment to the benefits payable based upon the converted credited service.

7 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2001.