

HOUSE BILL NO. 445

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

BY REPRESENTATIVE CRAWFORD

Introduced: 2/19/02

Referred: State Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act allowing peace officers with previous service as fish and wildlife enforcement**
2 **officers in the Department of Public Safety to claim credit for service as peace officer**
3 **service; and providing for an effective date."**

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

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

6 (i) A member who is vested in the system as a peace officer may convert the
7 person's credited service as an employee of the Department of Public Safety for
8 credited service as a fish and wildlife enforcement officer earned on or after June 23,
9 1983, and before July 1, 1995, to credited service as a peace officer by claiming the
10 service as peace officer service. When the member claims this credited service as
11 peace officer service, an indebtedness of the member to the system shall be
12 established. The indebtedness is equal to the full actuarial cost of the conversion of
13 the credited service to treatment as peace officer service. Any outstanding
14 indebtedness that exists at the time the member is appointed to retirement will require

1 an actuarial adjustment to the benefits payable based upon the conversion of the
2 credited service. In this subsection, "fish and wildlife enforcement officer" means a
3 person performing service in the specific job class identified as "fish and wildlife
4 enforcement officer" that existed in the Department of Public Safety, division of state
5 troopers, fish and wildlife protection, from fiscal year 1983 to fiscal year 1995.

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

8 The provisions of AS 39.35.370(i), added by sec. 1 of this Act, may not be applied to
9 service credit that a person claims or has claimed as a peace officer as authorized by sec. 4,
10 ch. 27, SLA 1983.

11 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2002.