

**HOUSE BILL NO. 91**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to a cost-of-living allowance and medical benefits for retired peace  
2 officers after 20 years of credited service."

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

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 39.35.480(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) While residing in the state, a person receiving a benefit under this chapter  
6 who is 65 years of age or older, [OR WHO] is receiving a disability benefit, or has at  
7 least 20 years of credited service as a peace officer under AS 39.35.360 and  
8 39.35.370 is entitled to receive a monthly cost-of-living allowance in addition to the  
9 basic benefit. The amount of this allowance shall be \$50 or 10 percent of the basic  
10 benefit, whichever is greater.

11 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 39.35.535(c) is amended to read:

12 (c) A benefit recipient may elect major medical insurance coverage in  
13 accordance with regulations and under the following conditions:

14 (1) a person, other than a disabled member or a disabled member who

1 is appointed to normal retirement, must pay an amount equal to the full monthly group  
 2 premium for retiree major medical insurance coverage if the person is

3 (A) younger than 60 years of age and has less than

4 (i) 20 [25] years of credited service as a peace officer  
 5 under AS 39.35.360 and 39.35.370; or

6 (ii) 30 years of credited service under AS 39.35.360 and  
 7 39.35.370 that is not service as a peace officer; or

8 (B) of any age and has less than 10 years of credited service;

9 (2) a person is not required to make premium payments for retiree  
 10 major medical coverage if the person

11 (A) is a disabled member;

12 (B) is a disabled member who is appointed to normal  
 13 retirement;

14 (C) is 60 years of age or older and has at least 10 years of  
 15 credited service; or

16 (D) has at least

17 (i) 20 [25] years of credited service as a peace officer  
 18 under AS 39.35.360 and 39.35.370; or

19 (ii) 30 years of credited service under AS 39.35.360 and  
 20 39.35.370 not as a peace officer.