

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 91(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/2/04

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES ANDERSON, Gara, Crawford, Guttenberg, Gruenberg, Dahlstrom, Lynn, Heinze, Holm, McGuire, Fate, Kott, Kerttula, Croft, Ogg, Weyhrauch, Meyer, Stepovich, Harris, Wilson, Berkowitz, Kapsner, Hawker, Gatto

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to medical benefits for retired peace officers after 20 years of credited
2 service."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 39.35 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 39.35.275. Contributions for peace officer major medical insurance.**

6 From the general fund, the state shall annually pay the employer contributions under
7 AS 39.35.250 - 39.35.290 on behalf of each political subdivision or public
8 organization that participates as an employer in the system. The general fund
9 contribution required by this section is subject to appropriation and is equal to the
10 difference between the cost of making premium payments on major medical insurance
11 for peace officers younger than 60 years of age who retire with at least 25 years of
12 credited service and the cost of making premium payments on major medical
13 insurance for peace officers younger than 60 years of age who retire with at least 20
14 years of credited service.

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

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

4 (1) a person, other than a disabled member or a disabled member who
5 is appointed to normal retirement, must pay an amount equal to the full monthly group
6 premium for retiree major medical insurance coverage if the person is

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

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

10 (ii) 30 years of credited service under AS 39.35.360 and
11 39.35.370 that is not service as a peace officer; or

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

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

15 (A) is a disabled member;

16 (B) is a disabled member who is appointed to normal
17 retirement;

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

20 (D) has at least

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

23 (ii) 30 years of credited service under AS 39.35.360 and
24 39.35.370 not as a peace officer.