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2 HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 222 am H

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the public employees' retirement
7 system and medical benefits under the retirement
8 systems of the state; and providing for an effective
9 date."

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

11 * Section 1. AS 39.35.360(a) is amended to read:

12 (a) An employee who completes three years of service with the
13 state after January 1, 1961, for which he makes contributions required
14 by this chapter is entitled to service credit for employment rendered to
15 the State and former Territory of Alaska before January 1, 1961, regard-
16 less of the office, department, division, or agency of the state or
17 territory in which he was employed, including service as a commissioned
18 officer of the United States Public Health Service, the United States
19 District Court and the United States Commissioner's Court serving the
20 Territory and State of Alaska succeeded to by the Alaska court system,
21 [AND] persons employed as United States marshals, United States deputy
22 marshals, [AND] Civil Aeronautics Administration security guards and
23 heavy equipment operators, United States Corps of Engineers security
24 guards, and employees of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service,
25 the Alaska Road Commission and Bureau of Public Roads. The retirement
26 benefits payable to an employee under this section which are attribu-
27 table to employment rendered to the State and former Territory of Alaska
28 before January 1, 1961, shall be reduced by the amount of the retirement
29 pension benefits paid to him by the United States government for the

1 same period of service.

2 * Sec. 2. AS 39.35.360 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

3 (e) An employee of a detention facility provided by a local
4 government unit to the territorial or state government under AS 33.30.-
5 060, who continues in state employment upon transfer of the facility to
6 the state, is entitled to service credit for his prior service with the
7 facility if the employee remains in continuous employment with the state
8 until July 1, 1976. To obtain service credit the employee is required
9 to make retroactive contributions for the period of service between
10 January 1, 1961 and the effective date of the transfer of the facility
11 to the state.

12 * Sec. 3. AS 39.37 is amended by adding a new section to read:

13 Sec. 39.37.145. MEDICAL BENEFITS. Each person who is entitled to
14 receive a monthly benefit from the retirement system under this chapter
15 shall be provided with major medical insurance coverage. Coverage shall
16 become effective on the same date as retirement benefits commence and
17 cease when the retired employee or survivor is no longer eligible to re-
18 ceive a monthly benefit. The level of coverage for persons over age 65
19 shall be the same as that available before reaching age 65 except that
20 the benefits payable shall be supplemental to those afforded under the
21 federal Old Age Survivor and Disability Insurance Program, if any.

22 * Sec. 4. AS 22.25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

23 Sec. 22.25.090. MEDICAL BENEFITS. Each person who is entitled to
24 receive a monthly benefit from the retirement system under this chapter
25 shall be provided with major medical insurance coverage. Coverage shall
26 become effective on the same date as retirement benefits commence and
27 cease when the retired employee or survivor is no longer eligible to re-
28 ceive a monthly benefit. The level of coverage for persons over age 65
29 shall be the same as that available before reaching age 65 except that

1 the benefits payable shall be supplemental to those afforded under the
2 federal Old Age Survivor and Disability Insurance Program, if any.

3 * Sec. 5. AS 22.28 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 Sec. 22.28.130. MEDICAL BENEFITS. Each person who is entitled to
5 receive a monthly benefit from the retirement system under this chapter
6 shall be provided with major medical insurance coverage. Coverage shall
7 become effective on the same date as retirement benefits commence and
8 cease when the retired employee or survivor is no longer eligible to re-
9 ceive a monthly benefit. The level of coverage for persons over age 65
10 shall be the same as that available before reaching age 65 except that
11 the benefits payable shall be supplemental to those afforded under the
12 federal Old Age Survivor and Disability Insurance Program, if any.

13 * Sec. 6. AS 39.35.680(14) is amended to read:

14 (14) "peace officer and fireman" means an employee who is
15 employed full time in the state as a peace officer, chief of police,
16 correctional officer, correctional superintendent, qualified employee
17 of the Department of Fish and Game [FISH AND GAME FIELD BIOLOGIST AND
18 TECHNICIAN], fireman or fire chief;

19 * Sec. 7. AS 39.35.680 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

20 (23) "qualified employee of the Department of Fish and Game"
21 means a full-time employee of that department whose duties necessitate a
22 significant amount of field work, travel or exposure to hazardous work-
23 ing conditions, and who holds a position which is designated as com-
24 plying with the requirements of this section by regulation promulgated
25 by the commissioner of administration after consultation with the
26 commissioner of fish and game, except that other personnel of that
27 department are not excluded by this paragraph from status as an
28 "employee" under (5) of this section.

29 * Sec. 8. This Act takes effect July 1, 1976.

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