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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to benefits under the public employees' retirement system; and providing for an effective date."

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

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

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Sec. 39.35.527. ELECTION TO TERMINATE COVERAGE AS A PEACE OFFICER OR FIREMAN. (a) Any active member may elect to irrevocably

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relinquish peace officer or fireman status with the system and to retain all credited service as if it had been acquired as a member other than a peace officer or fireman.

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(b) In order to relinquish peace officer or fireman status with the system, a person must be an active member and must file a written request with the administrator by July 1, 1984, or within six months after employment as a peace officer or fireman, whichever occurs later. No person has more than one opportunity to exercise this option.

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(c) As soon as possible after the relinquishment, the administrator shall refund to a person who relinquishes peace officer or fireman status under this section a refund equal to the amount by which the balance of the person's accumulated mandatory contributions plus interest exceeds the balance which would exist if all service credit had been acquired as a member other than a peace officer or fireman.

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(d) A written request to relinquish peace officer or fireman

1 status is irrevocable upon filing with the administrator.

2 \* Sec. 2. AS 39.35.680(27) is amended to read:

3 (27) "peace officer" or "fireman" means an employee occupy-  
4 ing a position as a peace officer, chief of police, correctional  
5 officer, correctional superintendent, [QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE DE-  
6 PARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME,] fireman, or fire chief;

7 \* Sec. 3. AS 39.35.680(32) is repealed.

8 \* Sec. 4. A person holding a position as a "qualified employee of the  
9 Department of Fish and Game" on June 30, 1983, continues to accrue service  
10 credit as a peace officer under AS 39.35 until

11 (1) that person's employment is terminated with the Department  
12 of Fish and Game; or

13 (2) that person elects to irrevocably relinquish peace officer  
14 status under AS 39.35.527.

15 \* Sec. 5. A person who has not elected to relinquish peace officer  
16 status under AS 39.35.527 retains all accrued credit as a peace officer for  
17 retirement purposes and accrues retirement credit if employed as a peace  
18 officer under AS 39.35.680(27) after June 30, 1983.

19 \* Sec. 6. This Act takes effect July 1, 1983.