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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 498 (State Affairs)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to military retirement benefits; and  
7 providing for an effective date."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 26.05.224(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) An active member of the Alaska National Guard, or a former  
11 member who was an active member on or after January 1, 1969, or a  
12 member of the Alaska Naval Militia on or after July 1, 1980, is eligi-  
13 ble for a retirement pension

14 (1) upon voluntary retirement from the Alaska National  
15 Guard or Alaska Naval Militia after a total of 20 years or more of  
16 satisfactory service in the Alaska National Guard, Alaska Naval Mili-  
17 tia, or the armed forces of the United States, and the reserves of  
18 them, or any combination of service in these components if at least  
19 five years of the service is in the Alaska National Guard or Alaska  
20 Naval Militia; or

21 (2) upon involuntary separation [RETIREMENT] because of  
22 federal standards imposed on the Alaska National Guard or Alaska Naval  
23 Militia, regardless of length of service, unless the separation occurs  
24 as a result of the member's own misconduct, misrepresentation, or  
25 unwillingness to satisfy established standards for continued partici-  
26 pation.

27 \* Sec. 2. AS 26.05.224(d) is amended to read:

28 (d) Upon the death of an active member who has at least five  
29 years service in the Alaska National Guard or Alaska Naval Militia or

1 a combination of these components, the member's designated beneficiary  
2 is entitled to a lump sum benefit calculated in accordance with (b) of  
3 this section. Upon the death of a former member who has at least 20  
4 years service, the former member's designated beneficiary is entitled  
5 to a lump sum benefit calculated in accordance with (b) of this sec-  
6 tion less any retirement benefits previously paid. A [A RETIREMENT  
7 BENEFIT PAYABLE TO A MEMBER AT THE TIME OF THE DEATH OF THE MEMBER  
8 SHALL BE PAID IN A LUMP SUM TO THE DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY OF THE MEM-  
9 BER. THE] member may change or revoke the designation of a benefi-  
10 ciary without notice to the beneficiary at any time. If a member  
11 designates more than one beneficiary, each shall share equally unless  
12 the member specifies a different allocation. The designation of a  
13 beneficiary and a change or revocation of a beneficiary shall be made  
14 on a form provided by the Department of Military Affairs and is not  
15 effective until filed with the Department of Military Affairs. If a  
16 member fails to designate a beneficiary or if no designated benefi-  
17 ciary survives the member, the death benefit under this subsection  
18 shall be paid to the member's [HIS] estate.

19 \* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1984.