

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 469

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act granting certain firefighters status as peace
7 officers under the Public Employees' Retirement
8 System; and providing for an effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 39.35.680(28) is amended to read:

11 (28) "peace officer" or "fireman" means an employee occupy-
12 ing a position as a peace officer, chief of police, correctional
13 officer, correctional superintendent, fireman, or fire chief, or a
14 state employee occupying a position as a wildland firefighter;

15 * Sec. 2. An employee who was employed by the state as a wildland
16 firefighter before July 1, 1988, may convert the credited service for that
17 position to credited service as a peace officer by claiming the service as
18 peace officer service before the member is appointed to retirement and
19 making retroactive contributions to the system. The indebtedness is equal
20 to (1) the contributions to the system that the wildland firefighter would
21 have made if the service had counted as peace officer service, less (2) the
22 contributions to the system that the wildland firefighter actually made.
23 Interest as prescribed by regulation accrues on this indebtedness beginning
24 July 1, 1988. Any outstanding indebtedness that exists at the time a
25 person is appointed to retirement will require an actuarial adjustment to
26 the benefits payable based upon the firefighter service.

27 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1988.