

Original sponsors: Koponen and Gruenberg

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 469 (State Affairs)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

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

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

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

12 (28) "peace officer" or "fireman" means an employee occupy-
13 ing a position as a peace officer, chief of police, correctional
14 officer, correctional superintendent, fireman, [OR] fire chief, or a
15 state employee occupying a position as a forestry technician, natural
16 resource manager in the division of forestry in the Department of
17 Natural Resources, or forester;

18 * Sec. 2. An employee who was employed by the state as a forestry
19 technician, natural resource manager in the division of forestry in the
20 Department of Natural Resources, or forester before July 1, 1988, may
21 convert the credited service for that position to credited service as a
22 peace officer by claiming the service as peace officer service before the
23 member is appointed to retirement and making retroactive contributions to
24 the system. The indebtedness is equal to (1) the contributions to the
25 system that the employee would have made if the service had counted as
26 peace officer service, less (2) the contributions to the system that the
27 employee actually made. Interest as prescribed by regulation accrues on
28 this indebtedness beginning July 1, 1988. Any outstanding indebtedness
29 that exists at the time a person is appointed to retirement will require an

1 actuarial adjustment to the benefits payable based upon the natural re-
2 source or forestry service.

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