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HOUSE BILL NO. 12

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST 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, 1989, 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. When
19 the member claims retroactive credited service, an indebtedness of the
20 member to the system shall be established. The indebtedness is equal to
21 (1) the contributions to the system that the wildland firefighter would
22 have made if the service had counted as peace officer service, less (2) the
23 contributions to the system that the wildland firefighter actually made.
24 Interest as prescribed by regulation accrues on this indebtedness beginning
25 July 1, 1989. Any outstanding indebtedness that exists at the time a
26 person is appointed to retirement will require an actuarial adjustment to
27 the benefits payable based upon the firefighter service.

28 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1989.