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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 127

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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

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to reimbursement for certain Medicare premium charges for persons receiving benefits from the teachers' retirement system, the judicial retirement system, and the public employees' retirement system."

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

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* Section 1. AS 14.25.168(b) is amended to read:

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(b) Except as provided in (c) of this section, major medical insurance coverage takes effect on the same date as retirement benefits begin and stops when the retired person or survivor is no longer eligible to receive a monthly benefit. The coverage for persons over age 65 is the same as that available for persons under age 65. The benefits payable to those persons age 65 or older supplement any benefits provided under the federal old age, survivors and disability insurance program. A person who is at least 65 years old and who is receiving a monthly benefit under the system shall be reimbursed annually for the premium charges the person has paid for Part B of the federal Medicare program covering the person.

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* Sec. 2. AS 22.25.090(b) is amended to read:

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(b) Except as provided in (d) of this section, major medical insurance coverage takes effect on the same date as retirement benefits begin, and stops when the retired person or survivor is no longer eligible to receive a monthly benefit. The coverage for persons age 65 or older is the same as that available for persons under 65. The

1 benefits payable to those persons age 65 or older supplement any
2 benefits provided under the federal old age, survivors, and disability
3 insurance program. A person who is at least 65 years old and who is
4 receiving a monthly benefit under the system shall be reimbursed
5 annually for the premium charges the person has paid for Part B of the
6 federal Medicare program covering the person.

7 * Sec. 3. AS 39.35.535(b) is amended to read:

8 (b) Except as provided in (d) of this section, after an election
9 of coverage under this section, major medical insurance coverage takes
10 effect on the same date that benefits begin, and stops when the member
11 or survivor is no longer eligible to receive a monthly benefit. The
12 coverage for persons age 65 or older is the same coverage available
13 for a person under 65. The benefits payable to persons age 65 or
14 older supplement any benefits provided under the federal old age,
15 survivors and disability insurance program. A person who is at least
16 65 years old and who has elected to receive major medical coverage
17 under this section shall be reimbursed annually for the premium
18 charges the person has paid for Part B of the federal Medicare program
19 covering the person.