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SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR 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 Medi-
care premium charges for persons receiving benefits
from the teachers' retirement system, the judicial
retirement system, the elected public officers re-
tirement system, and the public employees' retirement
system."

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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 bene-
fits 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 bene-
fits begin, and stops when the retired person or survivor is no longer
eligible to receive a monthly benefit. The coverage for persons age

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

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

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

21 * Sec. 4. Notwithstanding former AS 39.37.145, a person who is at least
22 65 years old and who is receiving a monthly benefit under the Elected
23 Public Officers Retirement System shall be reimbursed annually for the
24 premium charges the person has paid for Part B of the federal Medicare
25 program covering the person.