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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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SENATE BILL NO. 314

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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 limiting the right to receive medical bene-  
fits under the public employees' retirement system  
and the teachers' retirement system simultaneously."

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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(a) is amended to read:

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(a) Except as provided in (c) and (d) of this section, the  
following persons are entitled to major medical insurance coverage:

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(1) a person receiving a monthly benefit from the system;

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(2) the spouse of a person receiving a monthly benefit from  
the system;

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(3) a natural or adopted child of a person receiving a  
monthly benefit, if the child is a dependent child as defined in  
AS 14.25.220.

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\* Sec. 2. AS 14.25.168(b) is amended to read:

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(b) Except as provided in (c) and (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 per-  
sons 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 dis-  
ability insurance program.

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\* Sec. 3. AS 14.25.168 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

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(d) A person who is entitled to a monthly benefit under both

1 this system and the public employees' retirement system (AS 39.35) is  
2 not entitled to receive major medical benefits under both systems  
3 simultaneously. If the person becomes entitled to monthly benefits  
4 under both systems at the same time, the person shall select under  
5 which retirement system the person will receive medical benefits. If  
6 the person becomes entitled to benefits under the retirement systems  
7 at different times, the person is entitled to receive medical benefits  
8 under the system under which the person first receives retirement  
9 benefits until the date on which the person becomes eligible to re-  
10 ceive medical coverage under the second retirement system. When the  
11 person is entitled to benefits under the second system, the person  
12 shall select the system under which to receive medical benefits.

13 \* Sec. 4. AS 39.35.535(a) is amended to read:

14 (a) Except as provided in (d) and (e) of this section, the  
15 following persons are entitled to coverage if a benefit recipient  
16 elects major medical insurance coverage under this section:

- 17 (1) a person receiving a monthly benefit from the system;  
18 (2) the spouse of a person receiving a monthly benefit from  
19 the system;  
20 (3) a natural or adopted child of a person receiving a  
21 monthly benefit from the system, if the child is a dependent child as  
22 defined in AS 39.35.680.

23 \* Sec. 5. AS 39.35.535(b) is amended to read:

24 (b) Except as provided in (d) and (e) of this section, after an  
25 election of coverage under this section, major medical insurance  
26 coverage takes effect on the same date that benefits begin, and stops  
27 when the member or survivor is no longer eligible to receive a monthly  
28 benefit. The coverage for persons age 65 or older is the same cover-  
29 age available for a person under 65. The benefits payable to persons

1 age 65 or older supplement any benefits provided under the federal old  
2 age, survivors, and disability insurance program.

3 \* Sec. 6. AS 39.35.535 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

4 (e) A person who is entitled to a monthly benefit under both  
5 this system and the teachers' retirement system (AS 14.25) is not  
6 entitled to receive major medical benefits under both systems simulta-  
7 neously. If the person becomes entitled to monthly benefits under  
8 both systems at the same time, the person shall select under which  
9 retirement system the person will receive medical benefits. If the  
10 person becomes entitled to benefits under the retirement systems at  
11 different times, the person is entitled to receive medical benefits  
12 under the system under which the person first received retirement  
13 benefits until the date on which the person becomes eligible to re-  
14 ceive medical coverage under the second retirement system. When the  
15 person becomes entitled to receive benefits under the second system,  
16 the person shall select the system under which to receive medical  
17 benefits.