

HOUSE BILL NO. 273  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG

Introduced: 4/12/91  
Referred: State Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to reimbursement for certain Medicare premium charges for persons  
2 receiving benefits from the teachers' retirement system, the judicial retirement system, the  
3 elected public officers retirement system, and the public employees' retirement system."

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 (b) Except as provided in (d) of this section, after an election of coverage under this  
11 section, major medical insurance coverage takes effect on the same date that benefits begin, and  
12 stops when the member 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 for a person under 65. The  
14 benefits payable to persons age 65 or older supplement any benefits provided under the federal  
15 old age, survivors and disability insurance program. A person who is at least 65 years old and  
16 who has elected to receive major medical coverage under this section shall be reimbursed  
17 annually for the premium charges the person has paid for Part B of the federal Medicare  
18 program covering the person.

19 \* Sec. 4. Notwithstanding former AS 39.37.145, a person who is at least 65 years old and who is  
20 receiving a monthly benefit under the elected public officers retirement system shall be reimbursed  
21 annually for the premium charges the person has paid for Part B of the federal Medicare program  
22 covering the person.