

HB

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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

6/18/16

(11)

Date Referred to Committee: June 13, 2016

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 06-18-2016

Today's Supplemental Calendar

The FINANCE Committee considered:

HB 4002

HOUSE BILL NO. 4002

"An Act relating to major medical insurance coverage under the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska for certain surviving spouses and dependent children of peace officers and firefighters; and providing for an effective date."

HB4002-INS. FOR DEPENDS. OF DECEASED FIRE/POLICE

Recommends it be replaced with [] HCS or [X] CS for #B4002 (FIN)
 For Senate Bills with new title: [] Technical Title [] New Title: HCR _____ [X] Same Title [] New Title

- [] attach amendments
- [] add new referral to _____ Committee
- [] Letter of Intent _____ Committee

List of Abbrev for Depts.:
 ADM
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NEW FISCAL NOTES				
*FN# is assigned by Chief Clerk's Office				
FN#	List by Dept(s)	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero
2	Adm	✓		
	received - 7/11			
	(as a corrected FN)			

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTES				
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Signing with recommendations		Printed Last Name	DP	DNP	NR	AM
		SADDLER			Y	
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		[unclear]			X	
		[unclear]			X	
		Wilson	✓		X	
		[unclear]	✓			
Co-Chair:		[unclear]				
Co-Chair:		THOMPSON	X			
		[unclear]			X	

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2016 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	CSHB 4002(FIN)
Fiscal Note Number:	2 **CORRECTED**
(H) Publish Date:	7/11/2016

Identifier: HB4002-DOA-PERS-05-24-16
 Title: INS. FOR DEPENDS. OF DECEASED
 FIRE/POLICE
 Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
 Requester: House Labor and Commerce

Department: State Retirement Payments
 Appropriation: PERS State Assistance
 Allocation: All Other PERS
 OMB Component Number: 2866

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2017	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2017 Request	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2017	FY 2017					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous	174.0		183.0	194.0	204.0	215.0	226.0
Total Operating	174.0	0.0	183.0	194.0	204.0	215.0	226.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund	174.0		183.0	194.0	204.0	215.0	226.0
Total	174.0	0.0	183.0	194.0	204.0	215.0	226.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2016) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2017) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable; initial version.

Prepared By: Michele Michaud, Chief Health Official
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 Approved By: Sheldon Fisher, Commissioner
 Agency: Department of Administration

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Analysis

The purpose of the bill is to provide system-paid major medical coverage for PERS survivors of Peace Officer/Firefighters whose death occurs before the member's retirement and while in the performance and within the scope of the member's duties (occupational deaths). Surviving spouses and eligible dependent child(ren) would be allowed to commence subsidized medical coverage immediately upon the occupational death of a current Peace Officer/Firefighter member. This change did not impact Tier 1 members of PERS nor any members of PERS "All Others" or Teachers.

Under the existing PERS Defined Contribution Plan, no person is eligible for 100% system-paid major medical benefits. The draft bill would allow for a 100% premium subsidy for major medical benefits for eligible persons who are survivors, or eligible dependent children, of employees who were peace officers or firefighters. The 100% premium subsidy changes to a normal premium subsidy at Medicare age (e.g., 65). The HRA can then be used to fund the portion of the premium for which the spouse/eligible dependent child(ren) is responsible.

The PERS Defined Contribution Plan requires members to "retire directly from the plan" in order to be eligible for medical benefits. The bill removes that language from the plan only as it applies to eligible survivors/eligible dependent child(ren) of a peace officer and firefighter whose death occurs as a result of the job.

The proposed changes will be effective as of January 1, 2013.

The impact to the normal cost rate for the DB plan for this change was 0.01% for peace/fire only and 0.00% overall; the impact did increase the past service cost amortization resulting in a 0.01% impact to the total rate. Similarly for the DCR plan this change was a 0.08% increase to the normal cost rate for peace/fire members and 0.01% overall. The total contribution rate increased 0.10% for peace/fire and 0.01% overall. These results are slightly lower than the estimates in 2015 and reflect June 30, 2015 valuation results and the premium cost-sharing upon Medicare eligibility in the DCR plan.

An actuarial analysis of this bill by Buck Consultants also found:

- That the total additional accrued actuarial liability for addition of this benefit is \$265,000 for DB and \$292,000 for DC (total of \$557,000); amortizing this cost results in an annual payment fluctuate between \$36,000 and \$46,000 in the first five years. (See below)
- Based on the health benefit changes in the rates calculated for the Occupational Death payment the projected increase in contributions associated with the new benefit varies between \$138,000 and \$180,000, between FY17 and FY22 (See below)

See page 4 of Buck Consultants Actuarial analysis for details

Total cost of the bill over the period (in thousands)

	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
Past service costs	\$36	\$38	\$40	\$42	\$45	\$46
Increase in contributions	\$138	\$145	\$154	\$162	\$170	\$180
Total costs	\$174	\$183	\$194	\$204	\$215	\$226

*Adopted
6/18/16*

29-GH2430\H
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6/17/16

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4002(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered:

Referred:

Sponsor(s): HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to major medical insurance coverage under the Public Employees'**
2 **Retirement System of Alaska for certain surviving spouses and dependent children of**
3 **peace officers and firefighters; and providing for an effective date."**

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

5 *** Section 1.** AS 39.30.400(b) is amended to read:

6 (b) Upon application of an eligible person, the administrator shall reimburse to
7 the eligible person the costs for medical care expenses as defined in 26 U.S.C. 213(d).
8 Reimbursement is limited to the medical expenses of

9 (1) an eligible member, the spouse of an eligible member, and the
10 dependent children of an eligible member; [OR]

11 (2) a surviving spouse and the dependent children of an eligible
12 member dependent on the surviving spouse; or

13 (3) an eligible member's dependent children if the member dies
14 and there is no surviving spouse.

1 * **Sec. 2.** AS 39.35.535(a) is amended to read:

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

4 (1) for employees first hired before July 1, 1986,

5 (A) an employee who is receiving a monthly benefit from the
6 plan and who has elected coverage;

7 (B) the spouse and dependent children of the employee
8 described in (A) of this paragraph;

9 (C) the surviving spouse of a deceased employee who is
10 receiving a monthly benefit from the plan and who has elected coverage;

11 (D) the dependent children of a deceased employee who are
12 dependent on the surviving spouse described in (C) of this paragraph;

13 (2) for members first hired on or after July 1, 1986,

14 (A) an employee who is receiving a monthly benefit from the
15 plan and who has elected coverage for the employee;

16 (B) the spouse of the employee described in (A) of this
17 paragraph if the employee elected coverage for the spouse;

18 (C) the dependent children of the employee described in (A) of
19 this paragraph if the employee elected coverage for the dependent children;

20 (D) the surviving spouse of a deceased employee who is
21 receiving a monthly benefit from the plan and who has elected coverage;

22 (E) the dependent children of a deceased employee who are
23 dependent on the surviving spouse described in (D) of this paragraph if the
24 surviving spouse has elected coverage for the dependent children;

25 **(3) for deceased members who were peace officers or firefighters,**

26 **(A) the dependent children of the deceased member who**
27 **are eligible to receive a pension benefit under AS 39.35.430 and for whom**
28 **coverage has been elected;**

29 **(B) the surviving spouse of the deceased member who has**
30 **elected coverage and is eligible to receive a pension benefit under**
31 **AS 39.35.430.**

1 * **Sec. 3.** AS 39.35.535(c) is amended to read:

2 (c) A benefit recipient may elect major medical insurance coverage in
3 accordance with regulations and under the following conditions:

4 (1) a person, other than a disabled member or a disabled member who
5 is appointed to normal retirement, must pay an amount equal to the full monthly group
6 premium for retiree major medical insurance coverage if the person is

7 (A) younger than 60 years of age and has less than

8 (i) 25 years of credited service as a peace officer under
9 AS 39.35.360 and 39.35.370; or

10 (ii) 30 years of credited service under AS 39.35.360 and
11 39.35.370 that is not service as a peace officer; or

12 (B) of any age and has less than 10 years of credited service;

13 (2) a person is not required to make premium payments for retiree
14 major medical coverage if the person

15 (A) is a disabled member;

16 (B) is a disabled member who is appointed to normal
17 retirement;

18 (C) is 60 years of age or older and has at least 10 years of
19 credited service; [OR]

20 (D) has at least

21 (i) 25 years of credited service as a peace officer under
22 AS 39.35.360 and 39.35.370; or

23 (ii) 30 years of credited service under AS 39.35.360 and
24 39.35.370 not as a peace officer; or

25 **(E) is receiving a benefit under (a)(3) of this section.**

26 * **Sec. 4.** AS 39.35.870(c) is repealed and reenacted to read:

27 (c) The following persons are eligible to elect medical benefits under
28 AS 39.35.880:

29 (1) a member who is eligible for retirement under (a) of this section;

30 (2) a member's surviving spouse if the member had retired or was
31 eligible for retirement and medical benefits at the time of the member's death;

1 (3) a deceased member's surviving spouse, if the deceased member
2 was a peace officer or firefighter, the deceased member's surviving spouse is eligible
3 to receive a benefit under AS 39.35.892; and

4 (4) a deceased member's dependent children if the deceased member
5 was a peace officer or firefighter and the deceased member's surviving spouse or
6 dependent children are eligible to receive a benefit under AS 39.35.892.

7 * **Sec. 5.** AS 39.35.870(d) is amended to read:

8 (d) A person [MEMBERS] shall apply for retirement and medical benefits on
9 the forms and in the manner prescribed by the administrator.

10 * **Sec. 6.** AS 39.35.870(g) is repealed and reenacted to read:

11 (g) If an eligible person elects not to participate in the retiree major medical
12 insurance plan, the election becomes irrevocable upon application for retirement and
13 medical benefits or when the person reaches 70 1/2 years of age, whichever is later.

14 * **Sec. 7.** AS 39.35.870 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

15 (h) Notwithstanding cessation of benefits under AS 39.35.892(b), medical
16 benefits for a survivor under (c)(3) and (4) of this section may not be paid for a

17 (1) dependent child for more than 10 years; or

18 (2) surviving spouse for more than 10 years or after the surviving
19 spouse remarries, whichever occurs first.

20 * **Sec. 8.** AS 39.35.880(b) is repealed and reenacted to read:

21 (b) Retiree major medical insurance plan coverage elected by a person who is
22 eligible under AS 39.35.870(c) covers

23 (1) the member, the spouse of the eligible member, and the dependent
24 children of the eligible member if the member is the elector;

25 (2) the surviving spouse and the dependent children of the eligible
26 member who are dependent on the surviving spouse if the surviving spouse is the
27 elector;

28 (3) the dependent child if the dependent child, or a person authorized
29 to act on behalf of the dependent child, is the elector.

30 * **Sec. 9.** AS 39.35.880(d) is amended to read:

31 (d) Major medical insurance coverage takes effect on the first day of the

1 month following the date of the administrator's approval of the election and stops
2 when the person who elects coverage is no longer eligible to receive coverage
3 [DIES] or fails to make a required premium payment.

4 * **Sec. 10.** AS 39.35.880(g) is amended to read:

5 (g) The cost of premiums for retiree major medical insurance coverage for an
6 eligible person [MEMBER OR SURVIVING SPOUSE] who is

7 (1) not eligible for Medicare is an amount equal to the full monthly
8 group premiums for retiree major medical insurance coverage;

9 (2) eligible for Medicare is the following percentage of the premium
10 amounts established for retirees who are eligible for Medicare:

11 (A) 30 percent if the member had 10 or more, but less than 15,
12 years of service;

13 (B) 25 percent if the member had 15 or more, but less than 20,
14 years of service;

15 (C) 20 percent if the member had 20 or more, but less than 25,
16 years of service;

17 (D) 15 percent if the member had 25 or more, but less than 30,
18 years of service;

19 (E) 10 percent if the member had 30 or more years of service.

20 * **Sec. 11.** AS 39.35.880 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

21 (I) Notwithstanding (g) of this section, a person who is eligible for major
22 medical insurance coverage under AS 39.35.870(c)(3) or (4) is not required to pay
23 premiums under (g)(1) of this section.

24 * **Sec. 12.** AS 39.35.894 is amended to read:

25 **Sec. 39.35.894. Premiums for retiree major medical insurance coverage**
26 **upon termination of disability benefits or survivor's pension.** The premium for
27 retiree major medical insurance coverage payable by an employee whose disability
28 benefit is terminated under AS 39.35.890(g) or by an eligible survivor whose survivor
29 pension is terminated under AS 39.35.890(k) [OR 39.35.892(e)] when the employee
30 would have been eligible for normal retirement if the employee had survived shall be
31 determined under AS 39.35.880(g)(2) as if the employee or survivor were eligible for

1 Medicare.

2 * **Sec. 13.** AS 39.35.880(c) is repealed.

3 * **Sec. 14.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
4 read:

5 TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. (a) The Department of Administration may adopt
6 regulations necessary to implement this Act. Regulations adopted by the Department of
7 Administration under this Act relate to the internal management of a state agency and are not
8 subject to AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act) under AS 39.30.160 and AS 39.35.005.

9 (b) Regulations adopted under this section may not take effect before the effective
10 date of the law being implemented by the regulation.

11 * **Sec. 15.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
12 read:

13 RETROACTIVITY. Sections 1-13 of this Act are retroactive to January 1, 2013.

14 * **Sec. 16.** Section 14 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

15 * **Sec. 17.** Except as provided in sec. 16 of this Act, this Act takes effect January 1, 2017.

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REPRESENTATIVE STEVE THOMPSON DISTRICT 2

Changes between HB 4002 29-GH2430\A
& HB 4002 29-GH2430\H

- 1) Page 4 Lines 16-19 * Limits the benefits for dependent child to 10 years, limits benefits to surviving spouses to 10 years or to the point of remarriage; whichever comes first

Adopted
6/18/16

29-GH2430\H.3
Wallace/Wayne
6/18/16

AMENDMENT #1

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON

TO: CSHB 4002(FIN), Draft Version "H"

- 1 Page 5, line 24, through page 6, line 1:
- 2 Delete all material.
- 3
- 4 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.
- 5
- 6 Page 6, line 13:
- 7 Delete "Sections 1-13"
- 8 Insert "Sections 1 - 12"
- 9
- 10 Page 6, line 14:
- 11 Delete "Section 14"
- 12 Insert "Section 13"
- 13
- 14 Page 6, line 15:
- 15 Delete "sec. 16"
- 16 Insert "sec. 15"

Conceptual Amendment #1

This was not part of the issue raised by legal but I think its good policy...

Adopted
6/18/16

Delete Line 17 Page 4, which limited the dependent child's benefits to 10 years. By eliminating this benefits will extend to the child until they are 19 or 23 (if in college) according to what we have heard today

Conceptual Amendment #2

Create a new section to extend the 10 year limitation in Section 7, which applies to the Defined Contribution Plan, to the Defined Benefit Plan.

Adopted
6/18/16

Adopted
6/18/16

29-GH2430\H.4
Wallace/Wayne
6/18/16

AMENDMENT #2

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON

TO: CSHB 4002(FIN), Draft Version "H"

- 1 Page 4, line 2:
- 2 Delete ", "
- 3 Insert "and"

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Failed

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Wallace/Wayne
6/17/16

AMENDMENT #3

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE NEUMAN

TO: CSHB 4002(FIN), Draft Version "H"

- 1 Page 1, line 3:
- 2 Delete "**peace officers and firefighters**"
- 3 Insert "**officers of the Alaska state troopers**"
- 4
- 5 Page 2, line 25:
- 6 Delete "**peace officers or firefighters**"
- 7 Insert "**officers of the Alaska state troopers**"
- 8
- 9 Page 4, line 2:
- 10 Delete "a peace officer or firefighter"
- 11 Insert "an officer of the Alaska state troopers"
- 12
- 13 Page 4, line 5:
- 14 Delete "a peace officer or firefighter"
- 15 Insert "an officer of the Alaska state troopers"

Conceptual amend to amend #3 - Failed
3/8

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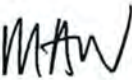
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MEMORANDUM

June 17, 2016

SUBJECT: Constitutional guarantee of equal protection
(Work Order No. 29-GH2430/H.1; HB 4002)

TO: Representative Mark Neuman
Co-Chair of the House Finance Committee
Attn: Genevieve Wotjusik

FROM: Megan A. Wallace 
Legislative Counsel

Attached please find the amendment you requested. The amendment would provide major medical coverage to the surviving dependents of Alaska state troopers who die on the job, but would not provide that coverage to the surviving dependents of other public employees who die on the job, including other peace officers, firefighters, airport security officers, university police officers, village public safety officers, and commercial vehicle inspection officers. This makes the bill vulnerable to a legal challenge based on the equal protection clauses of the state and federal constitutions, which guarantee equal treatment by the government and require that similarly situated individuals be treated similarly. However, because economic interests are afforded less protection, and Alaska state troopers may be at greater risk of death, a court may be reluctant to find the change made by this amendment unconstitutional.

Equal Protection in Alaska

The Alaska Supreme Court has said, "[i]n considering state equal protection claims based on the denial of an important right we ordinarily must decide first whether similarly situated groups are being treated differently."¹ Whether two entities are similarly situated is generally a question of fact.² Although all government employees may be at risk of dying in the line of duty, facts may show that the peace officers and firefighters who benefit from the bill's provisions are at a higher risk than other government employees, including those in positions you have identified. If so, a court would probably determine that government employees at a lower risk are not similarly situated with respect to those who are at a higher risk. The Court has said:

¹ *Alaska Inter-Tribal Council v. State*, 110 P.3d 947, 966 (Alaska, 2005) (internal footnotes omitted).

² *Id.*, 967.

... in "clear cases" we have sometimes applied "in shorthand the analysis traditionally used in our equal protection jurisprudence." If it is clear that two classes are not similarly situated, this conclusion "necessarily implies that the different legal treatment of the two classes is justified by the differences between the two classes."^[3]

The Alaska Supreme Court applies a sliding scale in reviewing challenges under the equal protection clause and is more protective of the right than federal courts are. At a minimum, the legislature must provide a rational justification for treating similarly situated individuals differently.⁴

In *Malabed v. North Slope Borough*, the Court summarized the equal protection test as follows:

[T]he Alaska Constitution's equal protection clause affords greater protection to individual rights than the United States Constitution's Fourteenth Amendment. To implement Alaska's more stringent equal protection standard, we have adopted a three-step, sliding-scale test that places a progressively greater or lesser burden on the state, depending on the importance of the individual right affected by the disputed classification and the nature of the governmental interests at stake: first, we determine the weight of the individual interest impaired by the classification; second, we examine the importance of the purposes underlying the government's action; and third, we evaluate the means employed to further those goals to determine the closeness of the means-to-end fit. An appropriation that cannot be justified under this minimum standard would likely violate the equal protection clause of the Alaska Constitution.^[5]

As the importance of the individual rights affected increases, so does the burden on the state to show that the state's goal justifies the intrusion on the individual's interests in equal treatment and that the state's goal is rationally related to the means chosen to achieve the goal.

First, a court would probably find that the interest of employees and surviving dependents who are denied the benefits provided by the bill to Alaska state troopers is purely economic. A person's interest may be accorded a low level of protection from discrimination under the state equal protection clause, if the court determines that the

³ *Id.*, (internal footnotes omitted).

⁴ See *Underwood v. State*, 881 P.2d 322 (Alaska 1994).

⁵ *Malabed v. North Slope Borough*, 70 P.3d 416, 420 - 421 (Alaska 2003).

Representative Mark Neuman
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discrimination implicates only an economic interest.⁶ Second, a court may determine that the state's goal in providing major medical coverage to survivors of Alaska state troopers is to aid recruitment and retention of the most qualified Alaska state troopers, to ensure public health and safety. If so, the court may find that the goal outweighs a constitutionally protected but purely economic interest.⁷ Third, a court finding that there is a rational basis between advancement of the bill's public health and safety goals and the means the bill uses would probably be sufficient for the court to find that the means is justified, particularly if the state can show that the government employees who are discriminated against by the bill occupy positions for which recruitment and retention is less difficult, or for which the risk of dying in the line of duty is less. In support for that justification, a court might take into consideration that, under PERS, Alaska state troopers made eligible for a new benefit by the bill have historically been eligible for various other benefits for which employees in other positions are not eligible. Nevertheless, because the amendment plainly treats Alaska state troopers differently than other peace officers, it may be found unconstitutional.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

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Attachment

⁶ See *Underwood v. State*, 881 P.2d 322 (Alaska 1994).

⁷ See *Gray v. State*, 525 P.2d 524, 528 (Alaska 1974); where a compelling state interest is shown, a constitutional right may be held to be subordinate to express constitutional powers such as the authorization of the legislature to promote and protect public health and provide for the general welfare.

2016 HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

4/3 / N/8 Failed

DATE: 6/18/16

Amendment: 3

MEMBER

Conceptual

AMEND TO Amendment # 3

Favor

Oppose

TW PROPOSED

REP. SADDLER	+	
REP. WILSON	+	
REP. EDGMON		+
REP. GARA		+
REP. GATTIS		+
REP. GUTTENBERG		+
REP. KAWASAKI		+
REP. MUNOZ		+
REP. PRUITT		+
REP. THOMPSON		+
REP. NEUMAN	+	

YEA

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NAY

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2016 HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Y	N
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Failed

DATE: 6-18-16

Amendment: 3

MEMBER

Favor

Oppose

REP. WILSON	X	
REP. EDGMON		X
REP. GARA		X
REP. GATTIS	X	
REP. GUTTENBERG		X
REP. KAWASAKI		X
REP. MUNOZ		X
REP. PRUITT		X
REP. SADDLER	X	
REP. NEUMAN	X	
REP. THOMPSON	X	

YEA

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NAY

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Failed

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AMENDMENT #4

Kawasaki
Cutttenberg

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

TO: CSHB 4002(FIN), Draft Version "H"

- 1 Page 1, following line 4:
2 Insert a new bill section to read:
3 **** Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
4 to read:
5 LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature to consider methods and
6 mechanisms to provide payment of death benefits to the surviving spouses, designated
7 beneficiaries, children, or parents of village public safety officers and volunteer firefighters
8 who die during the performance of duties."
9
10 Page 1, line 5:
11 Delete "**Section 1**"
12 Insert "**Sec. 2**"
13
14 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.
15
16 Page 6, line 13:
17 Delete "Sections 1-13"
18 Insert "Sections 2 - 14"
19
20 Page 6, line 14:
21 Delete "Section 14"
22 Insert "Section 15"
23

- 1 Page 6, line 15:
- 2 Delete "sec. 16"
- 3 Insert "sec. 17"

2016 HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Y N
4 | 7

Failed

DATE: 6-18-2016

Amendment: 4

MEMBER

Favor

Oppose

REP. EDGMON	X	
REP. GARA	X	
REP. GATTIS		X
REP. GUTTENBERG	X	
REP. KAWASAKI	X	
REP. MUNOZ		X
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Governor Bill Walker
STATE OF ALASKA

May 23, 2016

The Honorable Mike Chenault
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Chenault:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to providing major medical benefits to the eligible survivors of peace officers and firefighters whose deaths occur while in the performance of their duties and who are members of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska (PERS). This bill would apply to PERS members employed by the State and to PERS members employed by PERS-participating political subdivisions.

Currently, occupational death benefits in the form of system-paid major medical benefits are available only to the survivors of Tier I employees in the defined benefit plan (employees first hired before July 1, 1986). Under the existing defined contribution plan (members first hired on or after July 1, 2006), a person is not eligible for system-paid major medical benefits.

This bill would extend major medical benefit coverage to the survivors of peace officers and firefighters whose deaths occur as a result of their jobs, regardless of what Tier applied to the deceased member. In addition, for defined contribution members, the bill would allow for a 100 percent premium subsidy for major medical benefits for eligible survivors of peace officers or firefighters whose death was occupational.

The PERS defined contribution plan requires that members retire directly from the plan in order to be eligible for medical benefits. To effectuate the goals of this legislation, the bill modifies this requirement to allow eligible survivors of a peace officer or firefighter whose death occurs as a result of employment to receive major medical benefits under PERS.

This bill would have a retroactive effective date and would apply to the eligible survivors of peace officers or firefighters who have died in the line of duty on or after January 1, 2013.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Bill Walker in black ink.
Bill Walker
Governor



HB 4002 Sectional Analysis

Section 1 amends 39.30.400(b), *Benefits Payable from the Individual Account*, to expand reimbursement of funds from the Health Reimbursement Arrangement plan for eligible medical care expenses to include those of an eligible member's dependent child if the member dies and there is no surviving spouse.

Section 2 of the bill amends AS 39.35.535(a), *Medical Benefits*, to remove the requirement that dependent child(ren) of a deceased employee first hired before July 1, 1986, must be dependent on the surviving spouse to be entitled to major medical insurance coverage under the retiree plan. It further adds that an eligible surviving spouse who has received payment of occupational death benefits of a peace officer or firefighter are entitled to major medical insurance coverage under this section.

Section 3 of the bill amends AS 39.35.535(c), *Medical Benefits*, provides that a surviving spouse who has received payment of occupational death benefits of a peace officer or firefighter is not required to make premium payments for the major medical insurance coverage.

Section 4 of the bill repeals and reenacts AS 39.35.870(c), *Eligibility for Retirement and Medical Benefits*, to define persons eligible to elect medical benefits as: 1) the member eligible for retirement under AS 39.35.870(a); 2) the surviving spouse of a member who had retired or was eligible to retire at the time of their death; 3) a deceased peace officer's or firefighter's surviving spouse who is eligible for DCR occupational death benefits, and; 4) a deceased peace officer's or firefighter's eligible dependent children who are eligible for DCR occupational death benefits. This section removes the requirement that a peace officer or firefighter must retire directly from the Public Employees' Retirement System plan.

Section 5 of the bill amends AS 39.35.870(d), *Eligibility for Retirement and Medical Benefits*, to expand who is eligible to apply for benefits from "members" to "a person".

Section 6 of the bill repeals and reenacts AS 39.35.870(g), *Eligibility for Retirement and Medical Benefits*, to make an election to not participate in the major medical plan irrevocable upon application for retirement and benefits or when they reach age 70 ½, whichever is later.

Section 7 of the bill amends AS 39.35.870 by adding a new subsection to provide for an end date, should the surviving spouse's or dependent child(ren)'s eligibility end prior to the date on which the deceased member would have qualified for normal retirement.

Section 8 of the bill repeals and reenacts AS 39.35.880(b), *Medical Benefits*, to define covered dependents when those eligible to elect medical coverage under AS 39.35.870(c) as: 1) the member, the spouse of the eligible member, and the dependent children of the eligible member if the member is the elector member; 2) the surviving spouse and the dependent children of the eligible member who are dependent on the surviving spouse if the surviving spouse is the elector; or 3) the dependent child if the dependent child, or a person authorized to act on behalf of the dependent child, is the elector.

Section 9 of the bill amends AS 39.35.880(d), *Medical Benefits*, to expand when major medical coverage ends to when a person receiving the coverage is no longer eligible to receive coverage or fails to make the required premium payment.

Section 10 of the bill amends AS 39.35.880(g), *Medical Benefits*, to expand the language from "members" to "a person" to incorporate dependent children if there is not surviving spouse.

Section 11 of the bill adds a new subsection to AS 39.35.880, *Medical Benefits*, to provide a peace officer's or firefighter's surviving spouse who is not yet eligible for Medicare and eligible dependent children eligible for benefits under the DCR occupational death benefits, are eligible to receive major medical benefits premium free.

Section 12 of the bill amends AS 39.35.894, *Premiums for Retiree Major Medical Insurance coverage Upon Termination of Disability Benefits or Survivor's Pension*, removing a reference to AS 39.35.892(e). It is unclear the purpose of this change. This amendment removes the reference to AS 39.35.892(e) for all survivors who receive occupational death benefits, and does not limit the change to survivors of peace officers or firefighters.

Section 13 of the bill repeals AS 39.365.880(c).

Section 14 of the bill adds a new section allowing for the Department to adopt regulations necessary to implement the Act.

Section 15 of the bill provides Section 1-13 will be retroactive to January 1, 2013.

Section 16 of the bill provides the Section 14 takes effect immediately after it becomes law.

Section 17 of the bill provides with the exception of Section 14, the Act is effective January 1, 2017.



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**Re: Fiscal Note for HB4002 – Occupational Death Benefits for the PERS
Peace/Fire Defined Benefit (DB) and Defined Contribution (DCR) Retiree Medical
Plans**

Dear Michele:

As requested, we are providing the following information for a Fiscal Note on HB4002 which changes spousal and dependent coverage upon an occupational death of a member of the Defined Benefit Retiree Medical Plans for the Public Employee's Retirement System (PERS) for peace/fire members only and the Defined Contribution Retiree Medical Plans PERS for peace/fire members only.

Summary of Provisions

The purpose of the bill is to provide system-paid major medical coverage for survivors of a PERS member who was employed by the State or a participating political subdivision as a peace officer or firefighter and whose death occurs before the member's retirement and while in the performance and within the scope of the member's duties (occupational deaths). In addition, HB4002 in the case of occupational death removes the requirement that a peace officer or firefighter retire directly from the plan for the Defined Contribution (DCR) Retiree Medical Plan. HB4002 is proposed to include the following:

- Extension of existing PERS occupational death benefits which provide retiree benefits including system-paid major medical benefits to survivors of Tier I members whose deaths occur as a result of their job duties. This bill extends the benefit to Tiers II and III members.
- Under the existing PERS DCR plan, no person is eligible for system-paid major medical benefits. The draft bill would allow for a 100% premium subsidy for major medical benefits for eligible persons who are survivors of employees who were peace officers or firefighters and whose death was occupational. The 100% premium subsidy changes to a normal premium subsidy at Medicare age (e.g., 65). The HRA can then be used to fund the portion of the premium for which the spouse is responsible.

- The PERS DCR plan requires members to “retire directly from the plan” in order to be eligible for medical benefits. To effectuate the goals of the legislation, the draft bill removes that language from the plan only as it applies to eligible survivors of a peace officer and firefighter whose death occurs as a result of the job.
- Corrects the PERS peace officer or fire fighter occupational death benefit statute to extend benefits to the dependent children, in those instances when there is no surviving spouse, of peace officers and firefighters whose deaths occur while in the performance and within the scope of their duties.

The bill would have a retroactive effective date, January 1, 2013. The impact due to the timing difference is not significant as only two participants are with the plan and others have elected COBRA or gone to the exchange.



Financial Impact of Bill

The table below shows the change in Actuarial Accrued Liability, Normal Cost Rate and Total Actuarial Required Contribution Rate, as a percentage of covered payroll:

(\$000s)	Defined Benefit			Defined Contribution		
	PERS Others	PERS P/F	PERS Total	PERS Others	PERS P/F	PERS Total
2015 Valuation Results						
Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$6,553,679	\$796,504	\$7,350,183	\$53,844	\$4,839	\$58,683
Normal Cost Rate*	2.93%	2.44%	2.86%	0.95%	0.69%	0.92%
Total Actuarial Required Contribution Rate*	3.24%	2.69%	3.16%	1.06%	0.77%	1.03%
2015 Valuation Results –HB4002						
Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$6,553,679	\$796,769	\$7,350,448	\$53,844	\$5,131	\$58,975
Normal Cost Rate *	2.93%	2.45%	2.86%	0.95%	0.77%	0.93%
Total Actuarial Required Contribution Rate*	3.24%	2.70%	3.17%	1.06%	0.87%	1.04%

*Rounded

(\$000s)	Defined Benefit			Defined Contribution		
	PERS Others	PERS P/F	PERS Total	PERS Others	PERS P/F	PERS Total
2015 Valuation Results – HB4002 Impact						
Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$0	\$265	\$265	\$0	\$292	\$ 292
Normal Cost Rate	0.00%	0.01315%	0.00175%	0.00%	0.08262%	0.00950%
Total Actuarial Required Contribution Rate	0.00%	0.01874%	0.00250%	0.00%	0.09897%	0.01138%

The data, assumptions, plan provisions and methods used for the costs are described in the draft actuarial valuation reports as of June 30, 2015, unless otherwise noted.



The tables below show the estimated cost of the bill for Fiscal Years 2017 through 2022. Dollars are in thousands.

(\$000s)	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
PERS – Defined Benefit – Occupational Death Benefit Changes for Peace / Fire members						
Increase In Normal Cost Amount	\$41	\$42	\$44	\$45	\$46	\$48
Increase in Past Service Cost Amortization Payment	\$17	\$18	\$18	\$19	\$20	\$20
Total Increase in Annual Employer Contribution	\$58	\$60	\$62	\$64	\$66	\$68
PERS – Defined Contribution – Occupational Death Benefit Changes for Peace / Fire members						
Increase In Normal Cost Amount	\$97	\$103	\$110	\$117	\$124	\$132
Increase in Past Service Cost Amortization Payment	\$19	\$20	\$22	\$23	\$25	\$26
Total Increase in Annual Employer Contribution	\$116	\$123	\$132	\$140	\$149	\$158
PERS – Total – Occupational Death Benefit Changes for Peace / Fire members						
Increase In Normal Cost Amount	\$138	\$145	\$154	\$162	\$170	\$180
Increase in Past Service Cost Amortization Payment	\$36	\$38	\$40	\$42	\$45	\$46
Total Increase in Annual Employer Contribution	\$174	\$183	\$194	\$204	\$215	\$226

Impact and Methodology

Surviving spouses and dependents would be allowed to commence subsidized medical coverage immediately upon the occupational death of a current member. This change did not impact Tier 1 members of PERS nor any members of PERS Others or Teachers.

The impact to the normal cost rate for the DB plan for this change was 0.01315% for peace/fire only and 0.00175% overall; the impact did increase the past service cost amortization resulting in a 0.00250% impact to the total rate. Similarly for the DCR plan this change was a 0.08262% increase to the normal cost rate for peace/fire members and 0.00950% overall. The total contribution rate increased 0.09897% for peace/fire and 0.01138% overall. These results are slightly lower than the estimates in 2015 and reflect June 30, 2015 valuation results and the premium cost-sharing upon Medicare eligibility in the DCR plan.

We assumed 100% of eligible individuals would initially elect this subsidized coverage for all plans except where contributions are required for Medicare-eligible survivors in the DCR plan. Retiree contribution provisions and health plan participation are assumed to apply according to DCR valuation assumptions upon Medicare eligibility. In addition, we assumed that surviving spouses and dependents would be eligible for coverage under their current respective DB or DCR retiree medical plan.

For this study, we have assumed the proposed changes will be effective as of January 1, 2013. This retroactive applicability date is de minimis and does not materially impact our calculations below. In addition, we have assumed that on average 45% of survivors will be employed or re-married with primary coverage and the plan will pay secondary. We have assumed that the value after coordination of benefits is 20% of the benefit for valuation purposes.

Future actuarial measurements may differ significantly from current measurements due to plan experience differing from that anticipated by the economic and demographic assumptions, increases or decreases expected as part of the natural operation of the methodology used for these measurements, and changes in plan provisions or applicable law. In particular, retiree group benefits models necessarily rely on the use of approximations and estimates, and are sensitive to changes in these approximations and estimates. Small variations in these approximations and estimates may lead to significant changes in actuarial measurements. An analysis of the potential range of such future differences is beyond the scope of this study.

Melissa Bissett is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries and Member of the American Academy of Actuaries, and meets the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinions contained in this report.

Please let us know if you need any further information.

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Presentation to

**House Finance
Committee**

June 14, 2016

**Deputy Commissioner John Boucher
Chief Health Officer Michele Michaud**



HB 4002: WHAT THE BILL DOES

Goal: Provide premium-free medical coverage to families of peace officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty

- **Issue 1:** Surviving spouses/dependents are not eligible to receive premium-free health benefits until survivor becomes eligible for those benefits at retirement age.
- **Solution 1:** Bill allows surviving spouses/dependents to start premium-free medical coverage upon occupational death of peace officer /firefighter.
- **Issue 2:** Defined Contribution Plan (Tier IV) does not allow access to health coverage until the time at which the deceased member would have reached 25 years of service. At that time, coverage may be accessed with 100% cost to surviving spouses/dependents until the time at which the survivor reaches Medicare age.
- **Solution 2:** Bill allows 100% premium subsidy for surviving spouses/dependents of peace officers/fire fighters upon occupational death of peace officer/firefighter until survivor reaches Medicare age. At Medicare age, premium subsidy and access to health reimbursement arrangement begin.

HB 4002: WHAT THE BILL DOES

Goal: Provide premium-free medical coverage to families of peace officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty

- **Issue 3:** Current law requires DCR retirement plan members to retire directly from PERS plan in order to be eligible for medical benefits.
- **Solution 3:** HB 4002 removes this requirement, but only for survivors of peace officers/fire fighters that experience occupational death.
- **Issue 4:** Benefits not available to dependent children of PERS plan members if member dies and there is no surviving spouse.
- **Solution 4:** HB 4002 extends eligible medical care expenses to include deceased peace officer/firefighter member's dependents.

HB 4002 – WHO IS COVERED

- 3,639 members designated as peace officers/firefighters in PERS system
- 1,916 are state employees
- 1,723 are employed by 43 political subdivisions
- Statutory-defined “peace officer” and “firefighter” includes: police, chief of police, regional public safety officer, correctional officers, correctional superintendents, firefighter, fire chief
- Does NOT include VPSOs or any contracted police or firefighter positions

HB 4002 – BILL HISTORY

- Governor Parnell worked with legislators on HB 66 and SB 202, which included all PERS & TRS employees and removed the DCR requirement to retire directly from the plan, resulting in large fiscal note.
- Leg Legal revised HB 66 (version P) to expand health insurance under AS 39.30.090 (Group Insurance), but this statute does not apply to Troopers because they have their own health trust and thus were not included in this version of the bill.
- Law and Leg Legal drafted a new version of HB 66 (version S), but no hearings were held. Rep. Millet pulled the bill and rolled it into SB 91.
- House removed HB 66 from SB 91.

HB 4002 – WHERE WE ARE NOW

- Governor Walker introduced HB 4002, modeled on HB 66 (version S)
 - HB 4002 returns to the PERS system Occupational Death benefit as the vehicle
 - Limits application to peace officers and firefighters, resulting in a smaller group and a lower cost

HB 4002 – COSTS

Total cost of the bill FY17- FY22 (in thousands)

	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
Total costs	\$174	\$183	\$194	\$204	\$215	\$226

Why is this a state cost versus an employer cost?

Since the PERS employer contribution rates are capped at 22% and the effective rate is projected to be above 22%, any increase in total liability or contributions by employers results in an increase in the annual State Assistance payment, currently the statutory responsibility of the state.

What if the PERS total contribution rate falls below the 22% cap?

The increased contribution rate for PERS P/F employers associated with this benefit would be a cost borne by employers that have P/F employees.

HB 4002 – POTENTIAL EXPANSION OF BILL

Option: Expand scope of bill to include National Guard, VPSOs and other contractors who do similar work to peace officers/fire fighters

Problem: These groups are not part of PERS and do not contribute to PERS retiree health plan

- IRS prohibits non-participants from benefiting from pre-tax health trust funds
- Including these groups jeopardizes tax-exempt status of PERS retiree plan

HB 4002 – POTENTIAL NARROWING OF BILL

Request: Limit scope of bill to only state employees, ie Troopers

Problem: Definition of “peace officers/firefighters” would have to be changed for this bill, creating two groups:

- State employees who qualify for benefits under PERS
- Non-state employees who qualify for benefits under PERS
- Limiting benefit to state employees would provide one group with enhanced benefit
- Would require substantial, potentially costly change to existing PERS system

HB 4002 – COMPROMISE SOLUTION

- Applies to existing statutorily-defined group of peace officers and firefighters
- Consistent with existing legal distinction of this group from other state employees
- Reduces fiscal impact compared to previous iterations of legislation
- Provides solution to three Trooper families, after 2 years of working on issue

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Claim Number	Employer	Event	Date of Loss	Dependents	DRB Disposition	Retiree Medical Benefits
2008062324	SOA Administrat	helicopter crash	04/15/08	spouse	All Other-Death benefits paid	Self-Pay
2008062325	SOA Administrat	helicopter crash	04/15/08	spouse and kids	All Other-Death benefits paid	Self-Pay
2008062326	SOA Administrat	helicopter crash	04/15/08	spouse and kids	All Other-Death benefits paid	Self-Pay
201000273-1	SOA DCCED	vehicle crash	04/19/00	spouse and kids	All Other-Death benefits paid	Sys paid premium
201000274-1	SOA DCCED	vehicle crash	04/19/00	spouse	All Other-Death benefits paid	Sys paid premium
400021858-1	SOA DMVA	plane crash	11/12/92	spouse	All Other-Death benefits paid	Sys paid premium
400005875-1	SOA DNR	plane crash	07/26/87	spouse and kids	All Other-Death benefits paid	Sys paid premium
400005875-2	SOA DNR	plane crash	07/26/87	spouse	No record	
400022416-1	SOA DNR	gun shot on duty	05/21/93	spouse and kids	All Other-Death benefits paid	Sys paid premium
400008108-1	SOA DOC	unrelated health reasons	07/11/88	no death benefits, ptd stopped at death	Refunded Contributions in 2002	N/A
400010554-1	SOA DOC	PTD claim, health	3/17/1990	died 11/19/07 ptd	P/F-Occ Disability	No survivor
400011543-1	SOA DOC	unrelated health	04/14/91	died 2010, ptd stopped	Lump Sum payment	N/A
2002052322	SOA DOC	auto accident	11/19/02	spouse	P/F-Death benefits paid	Sys paid premium
2013-WC001294	SOA DOC	PTD claim, health	12/17/13	no dependents, died	Lump Sum payment	N/A
400008978-1	DOA DOT	vehicle crash	02/25/89	spouse	All Other-Death benefits paid	Sys paid premium
400009347-1	DOA DOT	PTD claim, health	05/21/89	died 6/10/09 ptd	All Other-Disability	No survivor
400009359-1	DOA DOT	hit by vehicle	6/29/1989	died 2002, ptd stopped	Lump Sum payment	N/A
400021940-1	DOA DOT	heart deterioration	10/31/1990	death benefits paid 1998, litigated claim	All Other-Death benefits paid	Sys paid premium
400021565-1	DOA DOT	heart attack on job	08/14/92	little record info	Lump Sum payment	N/A
4410005000-1	DOA DOT	heart attack on job	06/14/01	spouse	Lump Sum payment	N/A
4410005200-1	DOA DOT	auto accident	08/03/01	spouse	All Other-Death benefits paid	Sys paid premium
2012069797	DOA DOT	vehicle crash	11/24/12	spouse	All Other-Death benefits paid	Sys paid premium
2014-WC001477	DOA DOT	fell off equipment hit head	02/07/14	spouse	All Other-Death benefits paid	No Medical
400006294-1	SOA F&G	homicide on conference	12/05/87	spouse	All Other-Death benefits paid	Sys paid premium
209600821-1	SOA F&G	plane crash	11/30/96	spouse and kids	All Other-Death benefits paid	Sys paid premium
209801138-1	SOA F&G	collapsed hiking remote area	09/16/98	spouse	All Other-Death benefits paid	Sys paid premium
1100011146-1	SOA F&G	plane crash	06/25/01	spouse	P/F-Death benefits paid	Sys paid premium

2013-WC000437	SOA F&G	heart failure, on vessel	06/01/13	spouse	All Other-Death benefits paid	No Medical
400006530-1	SOA H&SS	PTD claim, health complications	02/08/88	died 9/19/09, no dependents	Lump Sum payment	N/A
400001766-1	SOA DPS	shot by suspect	5/19/1984		P/F-Death benefits paid	Sys paid premium
400024178-1	SOA DPS	plane crash	10/11/94	spouse	P/F-Death benefits paid	Survivor deceased
400024178-2	SOA DPS	plane crash	10/11/94	spouse	P/F-Death benefits paid	Sys paid premium
209600975-1	SOA DPS	died during arrest	01/10/97	spouse	P/F-Death benefits paid	Sys paid premium
4410005678-1	SOA DPS	gun shot on duty	11/24/01	spouse	P/F-Death benefits paid	Sys paid premium
2013-WC000155	SOA DPS	helicopter crash	03/31/13	spouse	All Other-Death benefits paid	Self-Pay
2013-WC000156	SOA DPS	helicopter crash	03/31/13	spouse	P/F-Death benefits paid	Self-Pay
2014-WC001849	SOA DPS	shot by suspect	05/01/14	SO and kids	P/F-Death benefits paid	None
2014-WC001850	SOA DPS	shot by suspect	05/01/14	spouse and kids	P/F-Death benefits paid	None
SW10	CB Sitka	landslide	8/18/2015	spouse	All Other-Death benefits paid	Sys paid medical
BD09	Delta Junction	Unavailable	3/11/2007	spouse	All Other-Death benefits paid	Self-Pay
JL06	Fairbanks	gun shot on duty	1/1/1998	spouse and kids	P/F - Death benefits paid	None
WA01	Hoonah	gun shot on duty	8/28/2010	child	P/F - Death benefits paid	None
WJ05	Kenai	gun shot on duty	12/25/2003	spouse and kids	P	Sys paid medical
WJ02	MOA	vehicle crash	7/9/2001	spouse	P/F - Death benefits paid	None
MA03	MOA	heart attack during training	3/7/2014	spouse	P/F - Death benefits paid	Self-Pay
JB07	MOA	Cancer	10/11/2010	spouse and kids	P/F - Death benefits paid	Self-Pay
RT11	NSB	GI Hemorrhage	10/5/2015	spouse	All Other-Death benefits paid	Self-Pay
RJ04	Palmer	gun shot on duty	5/15/1999	spouse and kids	P/F - Death benefits paid	None

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Changes between HB 4002 29-GH2430\A
& HB 4002 29-GH2430\H

- 1) Page 4 Lines 16-19 * Limits the benefits for dependent child to 10 years, limits benefits to surviving spouses to 10 years or to the point of remarriage; whichever comes first