

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0148

Law enforcement retirement-highway patrol dispatchers.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) McOmie and Slater and
Senator(s) Job and Meier

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming retirement system;
2 authorizing the purchase of service credit for highway
3 patrol dispatchers as law enforcement service; requiring
4 notification of dispatchers as to retirement election;
5 providing an appropriation; and providing for effective
6 dates.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming;*

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10 **Section 1.**

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12 (a) One million five hundred eighty-one thousand
13 dollars (\$1,581,000.00) is appropriated from the general
14 fund to the state retirement account for the purchase of
15 Wyoming highway patrol dispatcher service credits specified
16 as follows:

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2 (i) Any dispatcher continuously employed by the
3 Wyoming highway patrol on or before July 1, 2002, who
4 continues to be employed in that position and is currently
5 enrolled as a law enforcement officer for purposes of W.S.
6 9-3-432, shall receive law enforcement service credit under
7 W.S. 9-3-432 for all prior service from the date of
8 employment through July 1, 2006;

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10 (ii) Any dispatcher continuously employed by the
11 Wyoming highway patrol before July 1, 2002, who continues
12 to be employed in that position and is not currently
13 enrolled as a law enforcement officer for purposes of W.S.
14 9-3-432, shall on or before July 1, 2006, elect to either
15 enroll as an officer under W.S. 9-3-432 on or before July
16 1, 2006, or remain under the retirement program pursuant to
17 W.S. 9-3-401 through 9-3-430. If an election is made
18 pursuant to this paragraph to enroll as an officer, the
19 electing dispatcher shall receive law enforcement service
20 credit under W.S. 9-3-432 for all prior service from the
21 date of employment through July 1, 2006. Any highway
22 patrol dispatcher electing not to enroll as an officer
23 shall not receive any law enforcement service credit under
24 W.S. 9-3-432 as made available under this paragraph.

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2 **Section 2.** The Wyoming retirement board shall notify
3 Wyoming highway patrol dispatchers of the provisions of
4 this act as soon as possible to enable dispatchers to make
5 an informed election as to retirement participation before
6 July 1, 2006.

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8 **Section 3.**

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10 (a) Except as provided by subsection (b) of this
11 section, this act is effective July 1, 2006.

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13 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section,
14 section 2 of this act is effective immediately upon
15 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
16 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
17 Constitution.

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