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SENATE BILL 278

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
2000**

INTRODUCED BY
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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE; ALLOWING FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF
CERTAIN EXPENSES FOR OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 2-1-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1971,
Chapter 1, Section 11, as amended) is amended to read:

"2-1-9. OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL--IN-STATE TRAVEL.--

A. Out-of-state travel of members, officers and
employees of the legislative branch of government shall be
exempt from approval by any member of the executive branch.

B. Members of the legislature serving on official
business for interim committees within the state shall
receive per diem at the internal revenue service per diem
rate as provided in Section 2-1-8 NMSA 1978 for each day
served, including travel time, and the cost of public
transportation by the shortest, most direct route or mileage

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1 for each mile traveled by the shortest, most direct route by
2 privately owned automobiles at the internal revenue service
3 standard mileage rate or by privately owned aircraft at the
4 air mileage rate set out by the ~~[regulations governing]~~ rules
5 adopted by the department of finance and administration
6 pursuant to the Per Diem and Mileage Act ~~[adopted by the~~
7 ~~department of finance and administration on official business~~
8 ~~of the committees within the state, by the shortest, most~~
9 ~~direct route]~~.

10 C. Reimbursement for out-of-state travel on
11 committee business shall be as follows:

12 (1) the cost of the tickets on public
13 transportation by the shortest, most direct route and the
14 cost of airport parking; or

15 (2) mileage at the same rates established
16 for in-state travel if ~~[private]~~ automobiles or private
17 airplanes are used, based on official mileage by the
18 shortest, most direct route; and

19 (3) per diem for the number of days spent in
20 travel and on committee business at the in-state rate
21 provided for in Section 2-1-8 NMSA 1978; and

22 (4) in no event, however, shall the
23 reimbursement for out-of-state travel exceed the dollar
24 amount that would be due if the member had used first class
25 public air transportation by the shortest, most direct
route."

Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the

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1 provisions of this act is July 1, 2000.

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