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AN ACT

RELATING TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR PER DIEM AND MILEAGE EXPENSES;  
PROVIDING FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF LEGISLATORS FOR TRAVEL  
WITHIN THE STATE ONE HUNDRED MILES OR MORE FROM THEIR HOMES  
FOR OFFICIAL INTERIM COMMITTEE BUSINESS.

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:

(1) 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 for each mile traveled by the shortest, most direct  
route by automobiles at the internal revenue service  
standard mileage rate or by privately owned aircraft at the  
air mileage rate set out by the rules adopted by the  
department of finance and administration pursuant to the Per

1 Diem and Mileage Act; and (2) per diem for one  
2 additional day at the internal revenue service per diem rate  
3 as provided in Section 2-1-8 NMSA 1978 if, in order to serve  
4 on official business for an interim committee, a legislator  
5 travels to a location that is one hundred or more miles from  
6 the location of the legislator's point of departure.

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

9 (1) the cost of the tickets on public  
10 transportation by the shortest, most direct route and the  
11 cost of airport parking; or

12 (2) mileage at the same rates established  
13 for in-state travel if automobiles or private airplanes are  
14 used, based on official mileage by the shortest, most direct  
15 route; and

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

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