

By Senator Miller

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to per diem and travel
3 expenses; amending s. 112.061, F.S.; increasing
4 per diem and subsistence amounts for persons
5 traveling for public purposes; providing an
6 effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10 Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (6) of
11 section 112.061, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

12 112.061 Per diem and travel expenses of public
13 officers, employees, and authorized persons.--

14 (6) RATES OF PER DIEM AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE.--For
15 purposes of reimbursement rates and methods of calculation,
16 per diem and subsistence allowances are divided into the
17 following groups and rates:

18 (a) All travelers shall be allowed for subsistence
19 when traveling to a convention or conference or when traveling
20 within or outside the state in order to conduct bona fide
21 state business, which convention, conference, or business
22 serves a direct and lawful public purpose with relation to the
23 public agency served by the person attending such meeting or
24 conducting such business, either of the following for each day
25 of such travel at the option of the traveler:

- 26 1. Sixty ~~Fifty~~ dollars per diem; or
27 2. If actual expenses exceed ~~\$60~~\$50, the amounts
28 permitted in paragraph (b) for meals and miscellaneous
29 expenses such as, but not limited to, tolls, phone calls, and
30 tips, plus actual expenses for lodging at a single-occupancy
31 rate to be substantiated by paid bills therefor.

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When lodging or meals are provided at a state institution, the traveler shall be reimbursed only for the actual expenses of such lodging or meals, not to exceed the maximum provided for in this subsection.

(b) All travelers shall be allowed the following amounts for subsistence while on Class C travel on official business as provided in paragraph (5)(b):

- 1. Breakfast.....\$6 ~~\$3~~
- 2. Lunch.....\$12 ~~\$6~~
- 3. Dinner.....\$18 ~~\$12~~
- 4. Miscellaneous (per day).....\$2

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

SENATE SUMMARY

Increases the travel per diem for public officers and employees from \$50 to \$60 and increases the subsistence amount for breakfast from \$3 to \$6, for lunch from \$6 to \$12, and for dinner from \$12 to \$18. Provides for daily compensation of \$2 for miscellaneous expenses of travelers collecting the subsistence allowance.