

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2064

Introduced by

Legislative Compensation Commission

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subdivision d of subsection 2 of section 44-08-04, subsections 1, 2, 3, and 7 of section 54-03-20, subsection 1 of section 54-06-09, and section 54-35-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to legislative compensation and state officer and employee lodging and mileage reimbursement; to provide an effective date; to provide for retroactive application; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subdivision d of subsection 2 of section 44-08-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- d. Fourth quarter is from twelve midnight to six a.m. and the sum must be the actual lodging expenses not to exceed ~~fifty-five~~ sixty dollars plus any additional applicable state or local taxes. A political subdivision may reimburse an elective or appointive officer, employee, representative, or agent for actual lodging expenses.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 54-03-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. Each member of the legislative assembly is entitled to receive as compensation for services the sum of one hundred ~~thirty-five~~ forty dollars for each calendar day during any organizational, special, or regular legislative session and for each day that member attends a meeting of a legislative committee between the organizational session and the regular session as authorized by legislative rule.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Subsections 2 and 3 of section 54-03-20 of the North Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

2. a. Each member of the legislative assembly is entitled to receive reimbursement for lodging, which may not exceed a maximum of ~~nine hundred~~ one thousand

dollars per calendar month for lodging in state, at the rates and in the manner provided in section 44-08-04 for each calendar day during the period of any organizational, special, or regular session.

b. Notwithstanding subdivision a:

(1) A member of the legislative assembly may elect to be reimbursed for less than the amount to which the legislator is entitled under this subsection by claiming the lesser amount on a voucher submitted with the receipt required by section 44-08-04.

(2) The legislative council may establish guidelines that may result in a reduced maximum reimbursement for a single dwelling in which two or more legislators share lodging and the total rent for that dwelling exceeds the amount to which a legislator is entitled under subdivision a.

3. a. Members of the legislative assembly who receive reimbursement for lodging are also entitled to reimbursement for travel for not to exceed one round trip taken during any calendar week, or portion of a week, the legislative assembly is in session, between their residences and the place of meeting of the legislative assembly, at the rate provided for state employees with the additional limitation that reimbursement for travel by common carrier may be only at the cost of coach fare and may not exceed one and one-half times the amount the member would be entitled to receive as mileage reimbursement for travel by motor vehicle.

b. A member of the legislative assembly who does not receive reimbursement for lodging and whose place of residence in the legislative district that the member represents is not within the city of Bismarck is entitled to reimbursement at the rate provided for state employees for necessary travel for not to exceed one round trip taken per day between the residence and the place of meeting of the legislative assembly when it is in session and may receive reimbursement for lodging at the place of meeting of the legislative assembly as provided in section 44-08-04 for each calendar day for which round trip travel reimbursement is not claimed, provided that the total

reimbursement may not exceed ~~nine hundred~~ one thousand dollars per month.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Subsection 7 of section 54-03-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7. a. In addition, each member is entitled to receive during the term for which the member was elected, as compensation for the execution of public duties during the biennium, the sum of three hundred ~~seventy-eight~~ ninety-three dollars a month, which is payable every six months or monthly, at the member's option.
- b. If a member dies or resigns from office during the member's term, the member may be paid only the allowances provided for in this section for the period for which the member was actually a member.
- c. The majority and minority leaders of the house and senate and the chairman of the legislative council, if the chairman is not a majority or minority leader, are each entitled to receive as compensation, in addition to any other compensation or expense reimbursement provided by law, the sum of two hundred seventy dollars per month during the biennium for their execution of public duties.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 54-06-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. State officials, whether elective or appointive, and their deputies, assistants, and clerks, or other state employees, entitled by law to be reimbursed for mileage or travel expense, must be allowed and paid for mileage and travel expense ~~the following amounts:~~
 - a. ~~The sum of forty five cents per mile [1.61 kilometers] for each mile [1.61 kilometers] actually and necessarily traveled in the performance of official duty when the travel is by motor vehicle, the use of which is required by the employing entity. The sum of seventy cents per mile [1.61 kilometers] for~~ For each mile [1.61 kilometers] actually and necessarily traveled in the performance of official duty when the travel is by private airplane, ~~the individual is entitled to the sum of seventy cents per mile [1.61 kilometers].~~

Mileage by private aircraft must be computed by actual air mileage when only one state employee or official is traveling; if two or more state employees or officials are traveling by private aircraft, the actual mileage must be based on the road mileage between the geographical points. Reimbursement for private airplane travel must be calculated as follows:

- (1) If reimbursement is for one properly authorized and reimbursable passenger, reimbursement must be paid on a per mile basis as provided in this subsection.
- (2) If reimbursement is claimed for a chartered private aircraft, reimbursement may not exceed the cost of regular coach fare on a commercial flight, if one is scheduled between the point of departure, point of destination, and return, for each properly authorized and reimbursable passenger on the charter flight; or, where there is no such regularly scheduled commercial flight, the actual cost of the charter.

b. Except as provided in subdivision a, when travel is by rail or certificated air taxi commercial operator or other common carrier, including regularly scheduled flights by airlines, the individual is entitled to reimbursement for the amount actually and necessarily expended therefor in the performance of official duties.

c. The director of the office of management and budget shall adopt rules establishing mileage reimbursement for actual and necessary travel in the performance of official duty when the travel is by motor vehicle, the use of which is required by the employing entity. The director shall amend the rules when necessary to set reimbursement at the same rate as established by the United States general services administration for privately owned vehicles.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Section 54-35-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-35-10. (Effective through June 30, 2009) Compensation of members and leadership.

1. The members of the council and the members of any committee of the council are entitled to be compensated for the time spent in attendance at sessions of the

council and of its committees at the rate of one hundred eight dollars per day and must also be paid for expenses incurred in attending said meetings and in the performance of their official duties in the amounts provided by law for other state officers.

2. In addition to the compensation provided in subsection 1, the chairman of the council shall receive an additional five dollars for each day spent in attendance at sessions of the council and of its committees, and the chairman of each of the council's committees shall receive five dollars for each day spent in attendance at sessions of the council or of the committee which the person chairs.

(Effective after June 30, 2009) Compensation of members and leadership.

1. The members of the council and the members of any committee of the council are entitled to be compensated for the time spent in attendance at sessions of the council and of its committees at the rate of one hundred ~~thirty-five~~ forty dollars per day and must also be paid for expenses incurred in attending said meetings and in the performance of their official duties in the amounts provided by law for other state officers.
2. In addition to the compensation provided in subsection 1, the chairman of the council shall receive an additional five dollars for each day spent in attendance at sessions of the council and of its committees, and the chairman of each of the council's committees shall receive five dollars for each day spent in attendance at sessions of the council or of the committee which the person chairs.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. Sections 1, 2, 4, and 6 of this Act become effective July 1, 2009, and section 3 of this Act becomes effective on January 1, 2009.

SECTION 8. RETROACTIVE APPLICATION. Section 3 of this Act is retroactive in application.

SECTION 9. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.