

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2353

Page 1, line 1, after "44-08-04" insert "and subsections 2 and 3 of section 54-03-20"

Page 1, line 2, after "employee" insert "and legislator" and remove the second "and"

Page 1, line 3, after "date" insert "; to provide for retroactive application; and to declare an emergency"

Page 2, after line 2, insert:

**"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."

Page 2, line 3, after "Section" insert "3 of this Act becomes effective on January 1, 2009, and section"

Page 2, after line 4, insert:

**"SECTION 5. RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.** Section 3 of this Act is retroactive in application.

**SECTION 6. EMERGENCY.** Section 3 of this Act is declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly