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HOUSE BILL 842

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

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AN ACT

**RELATING TO STATE EMPLOYEES; PROVIDING A SALARY DIFFERENTIAL
FOR CERTAIN COMMUTERS; PRESCRIBING A PENALTY.**

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

**Section 1. A new section of Chapter 10, Article 7 NMSA
1978 is enacted to read:**

" [NEW MATERIAL] VANPOOL RIDERS--SALARY DIFFERENTIAL. --

**A. A state employee who regularly commutes in a
vanpool to and from work more than twenty miles each way may
be paid a salary differential of thirty-two dollars fifty
cents (\$32.50) per pay period. The state employee may refuse
the salary differential if it would place him in a different
salary bracket for purposes of health insurance, retirement
and other contributions.**

B. A state employee who is paid the salary

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1 differential provided in Subsection A of this section shall
2 notify his employer immediately if he ceases to commute in a
3 vanpool. In addition to any other penalties, a state employee
4 who fails notify his employer that he is no longer eligible
5 for the salary differential shall be liable for repayment of
6 the differential.

7 C. For the purposes of this section, "vanpool"
8 means a multiple passenger motor vehicle that carries four or
9 more persons, including the driver, on a regular basis."