

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE; ALLOWING FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTAIN EXPENSES FOR TRAVEL; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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 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 Diem and Mileage Act.

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

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

(2) mileage at the same rates established

for in-state travel if automobiles or private airplanes are used, based on official mileage by the shortest, most direct route; and

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

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

Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately. \_\_\_\_\_