Act 81 HB1124

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS STATUTE 13-342(C) TO PROVIDE THAT STATE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE REQUIRED TO DRIVE TO AND FROM THEIR PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN A STATE-OWNED MOTOR VEHICLE SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO REIMBURSE THE STATE FOR THE USE OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. The second unnumbered paragraph of subsection (C) of Section 16 of Act 874 of 1973, as amended, the same being the second unnumbered paragraph of Arkansas Statute 13-342(C), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Any employee of the State of Arkansas, who utilizes, but whose job does not require the employee to utilize, a state-owned motor vehicle for transportation to or from his permanent residence from or to his official station on a daily basis shall reimburse the fund from which the operating expenses of the motor vehicle is paid at the rate of \$0.15 per mile for each mile or portion thereof in excess of ten (10) miles each way. Provided that all state-owned or leased vehicles shall be for official business use only."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that a number of State employees are required to travel to and from their residences in a State-owned motor vehicle; that in those instances the employees should not be required to reimburse the State for the use of those motor vehicles; that the present law does require them to reimburse the State \$0.15 per mile for each mile in excess of ten (10) miles; that the present law is inequitable and unfair; that this Act eliminates the inequity and the inequity will continue until this Act goes into effect. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

APPROVED: February 19, 1987