

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

ACT 795 OF 1997
SENATE BILL 409

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5 By: Senator Harriman
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED 19-4-903(a) OF
10 THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING AND BUDGETARY PROCEDURES LAW AND
11 ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED 19-6-701(b) OF THE REVENUE
12 CLASSIFICATION LAW, TO ESTABLISH THE MAXIMUM DAILY RATE
13 FOR MEALS AND LODGING REIMBURSEMENT AND TO AUTHORIZE
14 REIMBURSEMENTS AS REFUNDS TO EXPENDITURES; AND FOR OTHER
15 PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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18 "TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED 19-4-
19 903(a) AND 19-6-701(b)."
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 19-4-903 (a) is hereby amended to read as
24 follows:

25 "(a)(1) Except for special authorization, ~~executed by the board,~~
26 ~~commission, or administrative head of any state agency,~~ Chief Fiscal Officer
27 of the State, ~~setting out the reasons therefore, the daily allowances~~
28 reimbursement for meals and lodging ~~for any individual traveler shall not~~
29 ~~exceed the sum of fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) per day while traveling within~~
30 ~~the state, nor the sum of sixty-five (\$65) per day while traveling outside the~~
31 state. on official business of the state shall not exceed the maximum rates as
32 prescribed by the Federal Travel Directory published by the General Services
33 Administration.

34 (2) Requests for special special authorization, when required, shall be
35 limited to those rare occasions where unusual circumstances may cause the
36 existing rates to be inadequate and shall be set out in writing in such detail

1 as shall be required in the state travel ~~regulations~~ procedures and shall be
 2 executed in behalf of each individual traveler for each special authorized
 3 occasion. Provided however, that requests for special authorization by
 4 employees of institutions of higher education shall be subject to the approval
 5 of the chief executive officer of the institution and not the Department of
 6 Finance and Administration.

7 (3) Under such emergency conditions as shall be determined by the
 8 Governor, the limitations of this subsection with respect to meals and lodging
 9 may be waived or modified."

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11 SECTION 2. Arkansas code 19-6-701(b) is hereby amended by adding the
 12 following subsection:

13 "(8) Reimbursements to state agencies for cost sharing purposes."

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15 SECTION 3. CODE. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
 16 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
 17 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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19 SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this act or the
 20 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such
 21 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which
 22 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this
 23 end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

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25 SECTION 5. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict
 26 with this act are hereby repealed.

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28 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY. It is found and determined by the Eighty-First
 29 General Assembly that the appropriate reimbursement of travel expenses borne
 30 by employees of the State of Arkansas should be provided for and that the
 31 provisions of this Act are necessary for proper fiscal administration.
 32 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act being
 33 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
 34 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1997.

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/s/Harriman

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