

1 State of Arkansas
2 88th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2011
4

As Engrossed: S3/29/11

A Bill

SENATE BILL 993

5 By: Senator D. Johnson
6 By: Representatives J. Edwards, Nickels
7

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE USE OF
10 STATE-OWNED VEHICLES BY STATE EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING
11 CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
12
13

Subtitle

15 TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE USE
16 OF STATE-OWNED VEHICLES BY STATE
17 EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING CONSTITUTIONAL
18 OFFICERS.
19
20

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
22

23 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 19-4-903(b), concerning travel*
24 *reimbursements for state employees, is amended to read as follows:*

25 *(b)(1) As used in this subsection, "state-owned motor vehicle" means a*
26 *motor vehicle purchased or leased by:*

27 *(A) The State of Arkansas;*

28 *(B) The office of a constitutional officer of the State of*
29 *Arkansas;*

30 *(C) A constitutionally independent agency or commission;*

31 *and*

32 *(D) A state-supported institution of higher education.*

33 *~~(1)(2)~~ (A) Unless otherwise provided by law, reimbursement for*
34 *the use of privately owned motor vehicles while traveling on official*
35 *business for the state shall not exceed the allowable rate of the Internal*
36 *Revenue Service per mile for business use of privately owned motor vehicles.*



1 (B) A state agency director may authorize reimbursement
 2 for travel expenses for meals, lodging, and private automobile or airplane
 3 usage at amounts less than that established under the authority of this
 4 section.

5 (C) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State by regulation
 6 may establish procedures and the rate for reimbursing individuals for the use
 7 of privately owned airplanes while traveling on official business for the
 8 state.

9 ~~(2)(3)(A)(i)~~ Any employee of the State of Arkansas who utilizes,
 10 but whose job does not require the state employee to utilize, a state-owned
 11 motor vehicle for transportation to or from his or her permanent residence
 12 from or to his or her official station on a daily basis shall reimburse the
 13 fund from which the operating expenses of the state-owned motor vehicle are
 14 paid at the ~~rate of fifteen cents (15¢) per mile for each mile, or portion~~
 15 ~~thereof, in excess of ten (10) miles each way~~ same rate authorized by the
 16 state agency director of the agency employing the state employee for
 17 reimbursements for private automobile usage under subdivision (b)(2)(B) of
 18 this section.

19 (ii) As used in subdivision (b)(3)(A)(i) of this
 20 section, "state employee":

21 (a) Means an employee of a state agency,
 22 board, commission, department, or state-supported institution of higher
 23 education; and

24 (b) Includes a constitutional officer and an
 25 employee of a constitutional officer.

26 (B) All state-owned motor vehicles or ~~leased~~ state-leased
 27 motor vehicles shall be for official business use only.

28
 29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 19-4-904(a), concerning persons and
 30 officials exempt from travel regulations, is amended to read as follows:

31 (a)(1) The limitations of this subchapter relating to travel
 32 regulations shall not be applicable to:

33 (A) Except as provided in § 19-4-903(b), the
 34 constitutional or elective officials and their employees; or

35 (B) ~~official~~ Official guests of the state.

36 (2) The provisions of this subchapter shall not be used to

1 *supersede or set aside the provisions of law providing for fixed allowances,*
2 *established amounts for per diem, or to special travel privileges provided by*
3 *law for specific purposes ~~where such~~ when the allowances exceed those*
4 *authorized in this subchapter.*

5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36

/s/D. Johnson