

SENATE BILL NO. 265—SENATORS RHOADS AND MCGINNESS

MARCH 22, 2005

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Provides for allowances for certain travel expenses incurred by Legislators during legislative interim. (BDR 17-538)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the State Legislature; providing for allowances for certain travel expenses incurred by Legislators during the legislative interim; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 218 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and NRS 218.2207, each Senator and Assemblyman is entitled to receive, during the legislative interim, an allowance for travel within his legislative district to participate in public meetings with elected bodies having jurisdiction over any area within that legislative district, including, without limitation, a board of county commissioners, city council, town board or board of trustees of a school district.

2. The allowance for travel payable pursuant to this section applies only to trips whose one-way distance is 50 miles or more or whose round-trip distance is 100 miles or more.

3. The maximum allowance for travel payable to each Senator and Assemblyman pursuant to this section during a legislative interim is \$5,000, except that no allowance for travel pursuant to this section is payable to a Senator or Assemblyman



1 *for travel that occurs during the legislative interim at any time*
2 *after the date on which the Senator or Assemblyman has filed a*
3 *declaration or an acceptance of candidacy for an elective office*
4 *and remains a candidate for that office.*

5 4. *Transportation must be by the most economical means,*
6 *considering total cost and time spent in transit. The allowance is:*

7 (a) *If the travel is by private conveyance, the standard mileage*
8 *reimbursement rate for which a deduction is allowed for the*
9 *purposes of federal income tax.*

10 (b) *If the travel is not by private conveyance, the actual*
11 *amount expended.*

12 5. *Claims made pursuant to this section must be paid from*
13 *the Legislative Fund unless otherwise provided by specific statute.*
14 *A claim must not be paid unless the Senator or Assemblyman*
15 *submits a signed statement affirming:*

16 (a) *The date of travel; and*

17 (b) *The places of departure and arrival and, if the travel is by*
18 *private conveyance, the actual miles traveled. If the travel is not by*
19 *private conveyance, the claim must include a receipt or other*
20 *evidence of the expenditure.*

21 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

