

SENATE BILL NO. 73—SENATOR RHOADS

FEBRUARY 8, 2007

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Provides for allowances for certain travel expenses incurred by Legislators during the legislative interim. (BDR 17-265)

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.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 **Section 1** of this bill provides that each Legislator is entitled to receive, during
2 the legislative interim, a travel allowance not to exceed a total of \$5,000 for travel
3 within his legislative district to participate in public meetings with elected bodies
4 such as a board of county commissioners, city council, town board or board of
5 trustees of a school district. The travel allowance applies only to trips that are 50
6 miles or more one way or 100 miles or more round trip. The travel allowance does
7 not apply to travel that occurs after the Legislator has filed a declaration or an
8 acceptance of candidacy for an elective office and remains a candidate for that
9 office.

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

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

3 **1. *Except as otherwise provided in this section and NRS***
4 ***218.2207, each Senator and Assemblyman is entitled to receive,***
5 ***during the legislative interim, an allowance for travel within his***



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1 *legislative district to participate in public meetings with elected*
2 *bodies having jurisdiction over any area within that legislative*
3 *district, including, without limitation, a board of county*
4 *commissioners, city council, town board or board of trustees of a*
5 *school district.*

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

9 3. *The maximum allowance for travel payable to each*
10 *Senator and Assemblyman pursuant to this section during a*
11 *legislative interim is \$5,000, except that no allowance for travel*
12 *pursuant to this section is payable to a Senator or Assemblyman*
13 *for travel that occurs during the legislative interim at any time*
14 *after the date on which the Senator or Assemblyman has filed a*
15 *declaration or an acceptance of candidacy for an elective office*
16 *and remains a candidate for that office.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

