

1 H.883

2 Senator Hardy moves that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be
3 amended as follows:

4 First: In Sec. D.104, in subsection (a), after the words, “It is the intention
5 that specific appropriations and statutory language” by adding along with any
6 applicable adjustments,

7 Second: By adding a new section to be Sec. 126 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 126. 32 V.S.A. § 1052 is amended to read:

9 § 1052. MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; COMPENSATION
10 AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

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12 (b) During any session of the General Assembly, each member is entitled
13 to receive reimbursement of expenses as ~~follows:~~ set forth in this subsection.

14 (1) Mileage reimbursement. ~~Reimbursement~~ Each member shall be
15 entitled to receive reimbursement in an amount equal to the actual mileage
16 traveled for each day of session in which the member travels between
17 Montpelier and the member’s home or from Montpelier or from the member’s
18 home to another site on officially sanctioned legislative business.
19 Reimbursement of actual mileage traveled under this subdivision shall be at the
20 rate per mile determined by the federal Office of Government-wide Policy and
21 published in the Federal Register for the year of the session.

1 (2) ~~Meals and lodging allowance.~~ Each member shall receive either
2 a meals allowance or reimbursement of actual meals expenses. A member
3 shall be presumed to have elected to receive the meals allowance unless the
4 member informs the Office of Legislative Operations by a date established by
5 the Office of Legislative Operations that the member wishes to receive
6 reimbursement of actual meals expenses. A member’s election to receive
7 reimbursement of actual meals expenses shall remain in effect through the
8 remainder of that session unless the member notifies the Office, in writing, that
9 the member needs to change to the meals allowance due to a change in
10 circumstances or for another compelling reason.

11 (A) Meals allowance. A member who elects to receive a meals
12 allowance ~~in~~ shall receive an amount equal to the daily amount for meals ~~and~~
13 lodging determined for Montpelier, Vermont, by the federal Office of
14 Government-wide Policy and published in the Federal Register for the year of
15 the session; for each day the House in which the member serves shall sit.

16 (B) Meals reimbursement. A member who elects to receive
17 reimbursement of expenses shall receive reimbursement equal to the actual
18 amounts expended by the member for meals for each day that the House in
19 which the member serves shall sit; provided, however, that the total amount of
20 the weekly reimbursement available pursuant to this subdivision (B) shall not
21 exceed the amount the member would have received for the same week if the

1 member had elected the meals allowance pursuant to subdivision (A) of this
2 subdivision (2). The member shall provide meal receipts or otherwise
3 substantiate the amounts expended to the Office of Legislative Operations in
4 the form and manner prescribed by the Director of Legislative Operations.

5 (3) Lodging. Each member shall receive either a lodging allowance or
6 reimbursement of actual lodging expenses. A member shall be presumed to
7 have elected to receive the lodging allowance unless the member informs the
8 Office of Legislative Operations by a date established by the Office of
9 Legislative Operations that the member wishes to receive reimbursement of
10 actual lodging expenses. A member's election to receive reimbursement of
11 actual lodging expenses shall remain in effect through the remainder of that
12 session unless the member notifies the Office, in writing, that the member
13 needs to change to the lodging allowance due to a change in circumstances or
14 for another compelling reason.

15 (A) Lodging allowance. A member who elects to receive a lodging
16 allowance shall receive an amount equal to the daily amount for lodging
17 determined for Montpelier, Vermont, by the federal Office of Government-
18 wide Policy and published in the Federal Register for the year of the session
19 for each day the House in which the member serves shall sit.

20 (B) Lodging reimbursement. A member who elects to receive
21 reimbursement of expenses shall receive reimbursement equal to the actual

1 amounts expended by the member for lodging for each day that the House in
2 which the member serves shall sit; provided, however, that the total amount of
3 the weekly reimbursement available pursuant to this subdivision (B) for each
4 week shall not exceed the amount the member would have received for the
5 same week if the member had elected the lodging allowance pursuant to
6 subdivision (A) of this subdivision (3). The member shall provide lodging
7 receipts or otherwise substantiate the amounts expended to the Office of
8 Legislative Operations in the form and manner prescribed by the Director of
9 Legislative Operations.

10 (4) Absences. If a member is absent for reasons other than sickness or
11 legislative business for one or more entire days while the ~~house~~ House in
12 which the member sits is in session, the member shall notify the Office of
13 Legislative Operations of that absence, and ~~expenses received shall not include~~
14 ~~the amount that the legislator specifies was not~~ the member shall not be
15 entitled to receive or be reimbursed for mileage, meals, or lodging expenses
16 incurred during the period of that absence, except that lodging expenses
17 associated with a lease or rental agreement may be received or reimbursed
18 upon approval of either the Speaker of the House or the President Pro Tempore
19 of the Senate.

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