

Dear Committee:

Here are comments on the per diem.

It appears to me that the proposal on sec. 6028 in draft 4.1 will not allow per diem for attending meetings. I offer a suggestion that copies (and slightly amends (B) for commissions) text from 32 VSA 1010 into sec. 6028.

Also, a plea that you not create board-members-for-life. Please have them compete for re-appointment.

§ 6028. COMPENSATION Members of the ~~Board and~~ District Commissions shall receive per diem pay of ~~\$100.00~~ and all necessary and actual expenses ~~in accordance with 32 V.S.A. §1010.~~ "Per diem" means the amount of compensation to which a member of a statutory board or commission is entitled for:

(A) attendance at a regular or special meeting of the commission or any committee thereof; or

(B) performance of other duties directly related to the efficient conduct of necessary commission business as assigned and approved by the chairperson, provided that payment for such duties shall be at the per diem rate prorated for actual time spent performing duties.

Proration shall be calculated based on an eight-hour day. Under no circumstances shall the daily payment exceed the per diem amount.

This allows per diem for attending meetings and uses tried-and-true (hopefully) language from sec. 1010. And it removes potential interference from the ERB when per diem is used for duties other than attending meeting.

Sincerely,
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