

1 S.39

2 Representative Harrison of Chittenden moves that the House propose to the
3 Senate that the bill be amended as follows:

4 First: By striking out Secs. 2–4 (legislator compensation and expenses) and
5 their reader assistance heading in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof
6 the following:

7 * * * Legislator Expenses * * *

8 Sec. 2. [Deleted.]

9 Sec. 3. [Deleted.]

10 Sec. 4. 32 V.S.A. § 1052 is amended to read:

11 § 1052. MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; COMPENSATION
12 AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

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14 (b) Expenses. During any session of the General Assembly, each member
15 is entitled to receive an allowance for or reimbursement of expenses as
16 ~~follows:~~ set forth in this subsection.

17 (1) Mileage reimbursement. ~~Reimbursement~~ Each member shall receive
18 reimbursement in an amount equal to the actual mileage traveled for each day
19 of session in which the member travels between Montpelier and the member's
20 home or from Montpelier or from the member's home to another site on
21 officially sanctioned legislative business. Reimbursement of actual mileage

1 traveled under this subdivision shall be at the rate per mile determined by the
2 federal Office of Government-wide Policy and published in the Federal
3 Register for the year of the session.

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

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

19 (B) Meals reimbursement. A member who elects to receive
20 reimbursement of expenses shall receive reimbursement equal to the actual
21 amounts expended by the member for meals for each day that the House in

1 which the member serves shall sit, as well as meals for the night preceding the
2 first legislative day of each week during the legislative session; provided,
3 however, that the total amount of the weekly reimbursement available pursuant
4 to this subdivision shall not exceed the amount the member would have
5 received for the same week if the member had elected the meals allowance
6 pursuant to subdivision (A) of this subdivision (2). The member shall provide
7 meal 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 (3) Lodging. Each member shall receive either a lodging allowance or
11 reimbursement of actual lodging expenses. A member shall be presumed to
12 have elected to receive the lodging allowance unless the member informs the
13 Office of Legislative Operations prior to the convening of the regular or
14 adjourned session that the member wishes to receive reimbursement of actual
15 lodging expenses. A member's election to receive reimbursement of actual
16 lodging expenses shall remain in effect through the remainder of that session
17 unless the member notifies the Office, in writing, that the member needs to
18 change to the lodging allowance due to a change in circumstances or for
19 another compelling reason.

20 (A) Lodging allowance. A member who elects to receive a lodging
21 allowance shall receive an amount equal to the daily amount for lodging

1 determined for Montpelier, Vermont, by the federal Office of Government-
2 wide Policy and published in the Federal Register for the year of the session
3 for each day the House in which the member serves shall sit.

4 (B) Lodging reimbursement. A member who elects to receive
5 reimbursement of expenses shall receive reimbursement equal to the actual
6 amounts expended by the member for lodging for each day that the House in
7 which the member serves shall sit, as well as lodging for the night preceding
8 the first legislative day of each week during the legislative session; provided,
9 however, that the total amount of the weekly reimbursement available pursuant
10 to this subdivision for each week shall not exceed the amount the member
11 would have received for the same week if the member had elected the lodging
12 allowance pursuant to subdivision (A) of this subdivision (3). The member
13 shall provide lodging receipts or otherwise substantiate the amounts expended
14 to the Office of Legislative Operations in the form and manner prescribed by
15 the Director of Legislative Operations.

16 (4) Absences. If a member is absent for reasons other than sickness or
17 legislative business for one or more entire days while the house in which the
18 member sits is in session, the member shall notify the Office of Legislative
19 Operations of that absence, and ~~expenses received shall not include the amount~~
20 ~~that the legislator specifies was not incurred~~ the member shall not receive or be
21 reimbursed for mileage, meals, or lodging expenses incurred during the period

1 of that absence.

2 (c) ~~For attending a meeting of the Joint Fiscal Committee when a member~~
3 ~~is not receiving compensation as a member of the General Assembly, a~~
4 ~~member of the Joint Fiscal Committee shall be entitled to the same per diem~~
5 ~~compensation and reimbursement for necessary expenses as provided members~~
6 ~~of the General Assembly for attendance at sessions of the General Assembly.~~
7 Members-elect; stipend. Each member-elect of the General Assembly who is
8 not an incumbent shall receive a stipend in an amount equal to one-fifth of the
9 annually adjusted weekly compensation set forth in subdivision (a)(1) of this
10 section, rounded up to the nearest dollar, for each day of attendance at an
11 orientation program for new legislators organized by the General Assembly
12 and its staff.

13 (d) Death of a member. If a member of the General Assembly dies while
14 the General Assembly is in session, the estate of the deceased member shall be
15 entitled to receive compensation for the entire pay period in which the death
16 occurred.

17 Second: In Sec. 8, effective dates, by striking out relettered subsection (b)
18 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (b) to read as
19 follows:

20 (b) Sec. 4 (legislator expenses) shall take effect on January 1, 2024.

- 1 Third: In Sec. 8, effective dates, by striking out relettered subsection (c),
- 2 the effective date for Sec. 2, in its entirety and relettering the remaining
- 3 subsection to be alphabetically correct