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MAJORITY
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1312, L.D. 1968, "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Legislative Reimbursement"

Amend the bill in section 1 in the indented paragraph in the 27th line (page 1, line 30 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "session" the following: 'or second regular session'

Amend the bill in section 2 in the indented paragraph in the 14th line (page 2, line 4 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "travel" the following: 'to and'

Amend the bill in section 2 in the indented paragraph in the 19th line (page 2, line 9 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "session" the following: 'or second regular session'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, amends the bill by permitting the Legislative Council to set the amount of an allowance at the beginning of the first regular or second regular session of a legislative biennium. The amendment also clarifies that the daily mileage allowance is for travel both to and from that Legislator's place of abode.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



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LD 1968

LR 2373(02)

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Legislative Reimbursement

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H 559)

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential Legislative Cost

Legislative Cost/Study

The Legislature's baseline budget for 2026-2027 includes funds for legislators to receive a meal allowance of \$50, and a lodging allowance of \$70, in accordance with 3 MRSA §2. The bill authorizes the Legislative Council, at the beginning of the first regular session or second regular session of a legislative biennium, to set the amount of an allowance as long as the amount does not exceed the regular federal per diem rate for lodging, meals and incidental expenses. Whether or not this will result in additional costs to the Legislature will depend on the amounts set by the Legislative Council.

The Legislature's baseline budget for 2026-2027 includes funds for all legislators to receive an annual salary in accordance with 3 MRSA §2. The payment of a prorated salary to a legislator elected to succeed a member of the Legislature who has died or otherwise vacated the office will not result in additional costs to the Legislature.