

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1240

S. P. 385

In Senate, March 24, 1975

Referred to Committee on State Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Speers of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

**AN ACT to Clarify Provisions Concerning Travel Expenses of Members of
Boards and Commissions.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, certain provisions of the statutes relating to reimbursement of travel expenses of members of boards and commissions are vague; and

Whereas, this lack of clarity has resulted and may result in payment of travel expenses which are far in excess of those intended by the Legislature; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

5 **MRSA § 13** is enacted to read:

§ 13. Travel expenses of members of boards and commissions

Notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation, members of any board or commission who are authorized by law to receive travel expenses shall receive necessary expenses for travel only from their place of residence within the State to and from meetings of such board or commission and for any other travel only from their place of residence within the State to and

from another location in connection with the official business of and under the specific authority of such board or commission.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to regulate the travel expenses of members of boards, commissions and agencies. The bill would allow the payment of travel expenses only from the member's place of residence within the State to a meeting or to another location when on official business.