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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 80, L.D. 157, Bill,
"AN ACT to Provide Interpreter Service for the Hearing Impaired.

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the last underlined paragraph, which is designated "C", before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'C. An interpreter appointed under this section shall be reimbursed by the Bureau of Rehabilitation, upon certification by the appropriate agency or court of services performed, at a fixed rate reflecting the current fee schedule as established by the Bureau of Rehabilitation, plus travel expenses; provided that the rate shall not exceed \$15 an hour and that employees of the State or any of its political subdivisions shall not be reimbursed under this section for interpreter services performed during their regular working hours. Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing any agency or court from employing a qualified interpreter on a full-time basis or under contract at a mutually agreed upon compensation rate.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to limit the reimbursement rate for interpreters to a maximum of \$15 an hour and to prohibit state employees from being reimbursed specially for interpreter services performed during regular working hours.

Reported by the Committee on Health and Institutional Services.

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