

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 562**

H. P. 445

House of Representatives, February 14, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Pearson of Old Town referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Ms. Benoit of South Portland.

Cosponsors: Mr. Dexter of Kingfield, Mr. Gillis of Calais and Mr. Diamond of Windham.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Increase Legislative Salary in the First Year of the Biennium.**

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

**3 MRSA § 2, first sentence**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975 c. 750, § 1, is amended to read:

Each member of the Senate and House of Representatives, beginning with the first Wednesday after the first Tuesday of January, ~~1977~~ **1981** and thereafter, shall receive ~~\$4,500~~ **\$5,000** in the first year and \$2,500 in the 2nd year of each biennium, and shall be paid for travel at each legislative session once each week at the same rate per mile to and from his place of abode as state employees receive, the mileage to be determined by the most reasonable direct route, except that Legislators may be reimbursed for tolls paid for travel on the Maine Turnpike provided they have a receipt for payment of the tolls, such tolls to be reimbursed where Legislators use the Maine Turnpike in traveling to and from sessions of the Legislature or in performance of duly authorized committee assignments.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Legislators are currently paid different daily rates for attendance at the first and 2nd regular sessions of a biennium; \$45 per day for the first session and \$50 for the 2nd. This bill establishes the same \$50 rate for both sessions, effective with the 110th Legislature.