

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(EMERGENCY)

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 2

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H.P. 2

House of Representatives, December 3, 1984

Reference to the Committee on State Government is suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Speaker of the House Martin of Eagle Lake.

Cosponsor: Senator Pray of Penobscot.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR

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AN ACT Relating to Daily Mileage  
Allowance for Legislators.

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

Whereas, Members of the Legislature receive a limited mileage allowance for daily travel; and

Whereas, this limitation is unduly restrictive to those who live great distances and should be amended to reflect actual mileage; 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,

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

3 3 MRSA §2, 3rd ¶ from end, as amended by PL 1983,  
4 c. 853, Pt. B, §§1 and 2, is further amended to read:

5 The President of the Senate, the Speaker of the  
6 House of Representatives, the floor leaders and their  
7 assistants and members of a committee, with the ap-  
8 proval of the President of the Senate or the Speaker  
9 of the House as to members of a committee, may also  
10 meet on days when the Legislature is not in daily  
11 session at any convenient location within the State.  
12 Each member of the Senate and House of Representa-  
13 tives shall receive \$50 for every day's attendance  
14 when meetings or daily sessions are held, a meal al-  
15 lowance in the amount of \$26 and a housing allowance  
16 in the amount of \$24 for each day in attendance at  
17 such meetings or daily sessions and for each day he  
18 occupies overnight accommodations away from home ei-  
19 ther immediately preceding or immediately following  
20 attendance at daily sessions of the Legislature and  
21 actual daily mileage allowances which shall be paid  
22 at the same rate paid to state employees. In lieu of  
23 the meal and housing allowance, each member shall be  
24 entitled to a daily meal allowance in the amount of  
25 \$26 and actual daily mileage allowances ~~in an amount~~  
26 ~~up to but not exceeding \$24 per day.~~

27 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited  
28 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-  
29 proved.

30 STATEMENT OF FACT

31 The purpose of this bill is to remove the limit  
32 on daily mileage allowance for Legislators and allow  
33 their actual mileage.

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