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118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

Legislative Document

No. 379

S.P. 100

In Senate, January 23, 1997

An Act to Clarify the Reimbursement of Legislators' Expenses.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BUTLAND of Cumberland.

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §2, 3rd ¶, as amended by PL 1989, c. 501, Pt. 0, §2, c. 600, Pt. B, §§9 and 10 and c. 878, Pt. D, §§14 and 15, is further amended to read:

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Each member of the Senate and House of Representatives shall be is entitled to a meal allowance in the amount of \$32 and a housing allowance in the amount of \$38 for each day in attendance at sessions of the Legislature and for each day the member overnight accommodations away from immediately preceding or immediately following attendance at daily sessions of the Legislature. The presiding officers may require receipts when an allowance is claimed for meals or overnight accommodations immediately preceding the session. lieu of the meal and housing allowance, each member shall-be is entitled to a daily meal allowance in the amount of \$32 and actual daily mileage allowances in an amount up to but not exceeding \$38 per day. Each member of the Senate shall also receive receives an annual allowance for constituent services in the amount of \$1,000, \$650 of-which-shall-be-received at the start of each regular session and \$350 of-which-shall-be-received in the month following adjournment of the regular session. member of the House of Representatives shall also receive receives an annual allowance for constituent services in the amount of \$750, \$500 of-which-shall-be-received at the start of each regular session and \$250 of-which-shall-be-received in the month following adjournment of the regular session.

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SUMMARY

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This bill allows the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives to require receipts when a reimbursement is for meals or overnight accommodations immediately preceding a legislative session.