STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. LALOR -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the legislative law, in relation to reducing travel expenses and per diems for members of the legislature and eliminating per diems for members living less than one hundred twenty-five miles from the capitol

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 5 of the legislative law, as added by section 7 of part CC of chapter 56 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Each member of the legislature **living more than one hundred twenty-five miles from the state capitol**, upon verification of attendance, which shall be by electronic verification when practicable, in compliance with the policies set forth by the speaker of the assembly and the temporary president of the senate for their respective bodies, shall be eligible to receive payment of actual and necessary travel expenses and a per diem equivalent to the most recent federal per diem rates published by the general services administration as set forth in 41 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) Part 301, App. A, for the time in which the member was in travel status in the performance of his or her duties during the months in which the legislature is scheduled to be in regular session. During the months when the legislature is not scheduled to be in regular session, members shall receive such actual and necessary travel expenses and per diems, in compliance with verification policies and in accord with standards and limits for reimbursable events set forth by the speaker of the assembly and the temporary president of the senate for their respective bodies **as documented with receipts, not to exceed one hundred dollars per day**. The per diem allowances including partial per diem allowances shall be made on audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers approved by the temporary president of the senate or his or her designee and speaker of the assembly or his or her designee for their respective houses.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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