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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, in-state overnight
9 travel per diem is limited to \$75 per day unless
10 the person is attending or assisting in hosting a
11 convention, conference, similar, or other meeting
12 of a national organization of which the state is a
13 dues-paying member that is held within the state.

14 This bill would change the exception to
15 include state organizations where the state or
16 individual is a dues-paying member.

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18 A BILL
19 TO BE ENTITLED
20 AN ACT

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22 To amend Section 36-7-21, Code of Alabama 1975,
23 regarding per diem travel expenses for state officers and
24 employees, to include state organizations where the state or
25 individual is a dues-paying member of the organization in the
26 description of overnight travel within the State of Alabama

1 that provides for the reimbursement of actual and necessary
2 expenses.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

4 Section 1. Section 36-7-21, Code of Alabama 1975, is
5 hereby amended to read as follows:

6 "§36-7-21.

7 "(a) Persons traveling in the service of the state
8 or any of its departments, institutions, boards, bureaus,
9 commissions, councils, committees, or other agencies, outside
10 the State of Alabama or within the State of Alabama for
11 purposes of attending or assisting in hosting a convention,
12 conference, seminar, or other meeting of a state or national
13 organization of which the state or individual is a dues-paying
14 member that is held within the state shall be allowed all of
15 their actual and necessary expenses in addition to the actual
16 expenses for transportation. In-state travel authorized under
17 this section is subject to the same documentation requirements
18 as out-of-state travel. Except as provided in subsections (b),
19 (c), (d), and (e), the travel shall first be fully authorized
20 in writing by the Governor.

21 "(b) With respect to the Legislative Department,
22 members of the Legislature, subordinate officers and employees
23 of the Legislature, the directors and employees of the
24 Legislature, the directors and employees of the Legislative
25 Reference Service, Legislative Fiscal Office, and Examiners of
26 Public Accounts, travel shall be authorized in writing by the
27 Lieutenant Governor, for the Lieutenant Governor and members

1 of the Senate, by the Speaker of the House, for the Speaker of
2 the House and members of the House of Representatives, by the
3 Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House for
4 subordinate officers and employees of the Legislature, and by
5 the directors for the directors and employees of the
6 legislative departments.

7 "(c) With respect to the Judicial Department and the
8 officers and employees thereof, travel shall be authorized in
9 writing by the Chief Justice.

10 "(d) Persons representing institutions of higher
11 learning shall receive authority for such travel from the
12 presidents of the institution. Institutions of higher
13 education may elect to prepay travel expenses for persons
14 traveling in the service of the state.

15 "(e) Persons representing the state Department of
16 Agriculture and Industries shall receive authorization for
17 such travel from the Commissioner of Agriculture and
18 Industries.

19 "(f) This section shall not apply to examiners or
20 other persons designated by the Commissioner of Insurance to
21 examine or cause to be examined insurance corporations
22 qualified or attempting to qualify in this state when the
23 expense incurred by the examiner shall be paid by or collected
24 or received from insurers or persons examined under Section
25 27-2-25."

1 Section 2. This act shall become effective
2 immediately upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or
3 on its otherwise becoming a law.