

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1952

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MACKEY.

3235H.02I

DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 491, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to compensation of expert witnesses.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 491, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 491.285, to read as follows:

491.285. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

2 **(1) "Expert witness", a witness qualified as an expert by knowledge, experience,**
3 **training, or education giving testimony relative to scientific, technical, or other**
4 **specialized knowledge that will assist the trier of fact to understand the evidence;**

5 **(2) "Testimony", any oral statement under oath or affirmation.**

6 **2. An expert witness shall be compensated a reasonable hourly fee for any time**
7 **required to provide testimony or in preparation of such testimony by the expert witness**
8 **from the defense counsel, prosecutor, or court, including time waiting inside a**
9 **courtroom prior to being called to the stand as a witness.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.