

SENATE BILL 107

By Haile

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106, relative to allowances for expenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106(a), is amended by deleting the language "Each member of the general assembly" and by substituting instead the language "Except as otherwise provided in this section, each member of the general assembly".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106(b), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(3) A member whose principal residence is fifty (50) miles from the capitol or less shall only be paid an expense allowance for meals and incidentals equal to the allowance granted federal employees for such expenses in the Nashville area for each legislative day in Nashville or any day the member participates in any other meeting or endeavor as described in subsection (a) held in Nashville; provided however, if such member is unable to return home at the conclusion of any such day, with the express approval of the speaker of such member's house, the member shall be reimbursed for the actual receipted costs of a standard grade hotel room.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106(c), is amended by deleting the first sentence in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Each member shall be paid a mileage allowance per mile, equal to the mileage allowance authorized for state employees who have been authorized to use personally owned vehicles in the daily performance of their duties, for each mile traveled from the member's home to the seat of government and back, limited to one (1) round trip each week of any legislative session, and one (1) round trip from the member's home to the site of any such other meeting as described in

subsection (a); provided, that a member whose principal residence is fifty (50) miles from the capitol or less shall be paid a mileage allowance per mile traveled for each legislative day in Nashville or any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday that the member participates in any other meeting or endeavor as described in subsection (a) held in Nashville, limited to one (1) round trip per day.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(h) For the purpose of this section, "fifty (50) miles from the capitol" means the most commonly traveled route between the member's principal residence and the state capitol building.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect November 4, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.