

SENATE BILL NO. 368—SENATOR RHOADS

MARCH 17, 2003

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Provides for reimbursement of Legislators for certain travel expenses incurred during legislative interim. (BDR 17-676)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the State Legislature; providing for the reimbursement of Legislators for certain travel expenses incurred during the legislative interim; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** Chapter 218 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:
3 1. *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 218.2207, each*
4 *Senator and Assemblyman is entitled to receive, during the*
5 *legislative interim, an allowance for travel within his legislative*
6 *district to participate in public meetings with elected bodies having*
7 *jurisdiction over any area within that legislative district, including,*
8 *without limitation, a board of county commissioners, city council,*
9 *town board or board of trustees of a school district.*
10 2. *The maximum allowance for travel payable to each*
11 *Senator and Assemblyman pursuant to this section during a*
12 *legislative interim is \$5,000, except that no allowance for travel*
13 *pursuant to this section is payable to a Senator or Assemblyman*
14 *for travel that occurs during the legislative interim at any time*
15 *after the Senator or Assemblyman has filed a declaration or an*
16 *acceptance of candidacy for an elective office and remains a*
17 *candidate for that office.*



- 1 3. *Transportation must be by the most economical means,*
2 *considering total cost and time spent in transit. The allowance is:*
3 (a) *If the travel is by private conveyance, the standard mileage*
4 *reimbursement rate for which a deduction is allowed for the*
5 *purposes of federal income tax.*
6 (b) *If the travel is not by private conveyance, the actual*
7 *amount expended.*
8 4. *Claims made pursuant to this section must be paid from*
9 *the Legislative Fund unless otherwise provided by specific statute.*
10 *A claim must not be paid unless the Senator or Assemblyman*
11 *submits a signed statement affirming:*
12 (a) *The date of travel; and*
13 (b) *The places of departure and arrival and, if the travel is by*
14 *private conveyance, the actual miles traveled. If the travel is not by*
15 *private conveyance, the claim must include a receipt or other*
16 *evidence of the expenditure.*
17 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

