

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 43rd Legislature (1991)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1478

BY: STEIDLEY

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE GOVERNMENT; AMENDING 74 O.S. 1981, SECTION 500.4, AS LAST AMENDED BY SECTION 2, CHAPTER 355, O.S.L. 1989 (74 O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTION 500.4), WHICH RELATES TO THE STATE TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT ACT; MODIFYING RATE OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR USE OF PRIVATELY OWNED MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE FOR CHANGES IN SAID RATE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1981, Section 500.4 as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 355, O.S.L. 1989 (74 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 500.4), is amended to read as follows:

Section 500.4 A. Authorized persons traveling on official state business within the State of Oklahoma may utilize railroads, airplanes, buses, whether intracity or intercity, or other public conveyance. Reimbursement for fares paid for airplane transportation shall not exceed coach class fare. Other public conveyance fares shall not exceed the normal charge, but in no instance may the fare exceed coach class airplane fare. Taxicab fares within the State of Oklahoma and communication charges may be

reimbursed only upon justification as to the necessity for their use.

B. Agency heads or their authorized designees may approve the use of motor vehicles for official travel within the State of Oklahoma. If available, agency owned motor vehicles or motor vehicles leased from the State Motor Pool, either on a full-time basis or for individual trips, shall be utilized for such travel. Reimbursement for use of privately owned motor vehicles may be authorized by the agency head.

C. Reimbursement for authorized use of privately owned motor vehicles shall be ~~twenty-four cents (\$0.24) per mile~~ equal to the maximum mileage reimbursement rate allowed by the Internal Revenue Service. Distances for which reimbursement for use of privately owned motor vehicles is claimed shall not exceed distances set forth in the latest Transportation Commission road map. Vicinity travel on official business shall be entered on travel claims as a separate item.

D. The Office of State Finance shall notify state agencies in November of each year of any changes in the maximum mileage reimbursement rate allowed by the Internal Revenue Service. Any change in the rate shall be implemented on the following January 1.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1991.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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