

ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT
TO
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 330

By: Smith of the Senate
and
Steidley of the House

An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S.
1991, Section 500.5, which relates to the
Administrative Procedures Act; authorizing certain
state employees to use rental cars in lieu of
commuter airplanes; and declaring an emergency.

AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the title, enacting clause and entire bill
and insert

"(state government - amending 74 O.S., Section 500.11 -
Travel Reimbursement Act - codification - emergency)

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 500.11, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 500.11 ~~Reimbursement~~ A. Authorized persons traveling
on official state business outside of the State of Oklahoma may
utilize appropriate forms of transportation including but not
limited to common carriers, transit system carriers or state-owned
or privately owned motor vehicles or airplanes, contract rental

motor vehicles or airplane agencies or private parties to reach their destinations.

B. 1. Except as otherwise provided by this section, reimbursement for out of state transportation costs as authorized by this section shall not exceed the normal charge for the transportation mode, but in no instance shall reimbursement for transportation used in lieu of commercial airline exceed the cost of coach airplane class air fare. Reimbursement for transportation by privately owned motor vehicles utilized on out of state travel shall not exceed this amount.

2. Reimbursement for travel by commercial airplane on a first-class basis may be made if coach class space is not available within a reasonable time and is justified by attachment to claim for reimbursement.

3. Claims for reimbursement for transportation by commercial airline shall be accompanied by the passenger's duplicate of airline ticket, or other airline receipt which includes information as to class of accommodation for which reimbursement is claimed.

4. If commuter airlines are the only airlines available to reach a destination, reimbursement shall not exceed the cost of the commuter air fare.

C. Reimbursement for authorized use of privately owned motor vehicles or vehicles from motor vehicle rental agencies used for out-of-state travel shall be limited to the actual cost for such vehicle but in no instance shall reimbursement for such vehicle exceed the cost for commercial or commuter coach class air fare, which ever is appropriate. Distances for which reimbursement for use of privately owned motor vehicles or vehicles from vehicle rental agencies is claimed shall not exceed distances set forth in a recognized published national atlas or road map. Vicinity travel on official business shall be entered on travel claims as a separate item.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 500.37 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Director of State Finance shall reject any claim for reimbursement for out-of-state travel submitted by an elected official, including any member of the Legislature but excluding the governor, if after the last day to do so the official has not filed a declaration of candidacy for reelection to the office held by such person at the time the claim is submitted or if the person has been defeated for reelection to the office held by such person at the time the claim is submitted whether in a primary election or any general election.

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."

Passed the House of Representatives the 12th day of April, 1995.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1995.

President of the Senate