

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 45th Legislature (1995)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1116

By: Greenwood

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the State Travel Reimbursement Act; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 500.8, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 219, O.S.L. 1992 (74 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 500.8), which relates to meal reimbursement; providing exception for meal reimbursement based upon certification; authorizing meal reimbursement under certain conditions; 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. 1991, Section 500.8, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 219, O.S.L. 1992 (74 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 500.8), is amended to read as follows:

Section 500.8 A. A reimbursement for meal expenses, per day, while in official travel status, of not to exceed Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00) within the State of Oklahoma and Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) outside the state is authorized. In computing reimbursement for meals a day shall be a period of twenty-four (24) hours. Reimbursement for each one-fourth (1/4) day consisting of

six (6) hours or major fraction thereof, more than three (3) hours, may be made at the rate of Four Dollars and seventy-five cents (\$4.75) in state and Six Dollars and twenty-five cents (\$6.25) out of state. Provided, however, that except as provided by subsection B of this section no reimbursement for meals shall be made for periods which do not include overnight status.

B. If the chief administrative officer of the entity responsible for reimbursement of meal costs pursuant to this section certifies to the Office of State Finance that an employee is not routinely required to travel as part of the employee's duties and responsibilities, the employee may be reimbursed for not more than five (5) meals per month whether or not the employee travels for a period which includes overnight status.

C. If meals and lodging at a meeting, workshop, conference or other object of travel are furnished as a "package plan", reimbursement may be made, based upon a receipt, but at a daily rate of not to exceed the total daily rate provided in this act.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1995.

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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