

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1237

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An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S. 2001, Section 500.4, which relates to travel reimbursement; requiring agencies to allow employees to drive a privately owned motor vehicle in certain situations; requiring reimbursement; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2001, 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 except as provided herein. Reimbursement for fares paid for airplane transportation may be at the business class fare rate for international travel. Other public conveyance fares shall not exceed the lesser of the normal charge or 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 made using the amount prescribed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or rules, procedures or other action by the Internal Revenue Service, for use in determining the standard mileage rate allowed for a business expense deduction. 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. A state agency shall allow an employee to use his or her privately owned motor vehicle in lieu of a state vehicle and reimburse such employee as provided in subsection C of this section if the employee has been determined to be a person with a severe disability by the State Department of Rehabilitation Services and such disability would be accommodated by allowing the employee to use his or her privately owned vehicle.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2002.

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