
SENATE BILL 6883

State of Washington

61st Legislature

2010 Regular Session

By Senators Zarelli, Carrell, Holmquist, Becker, Stevens, Morton, Parlette, Honeyford, Brandland, King, and Hewitt

1 AN ACT Relating to payment of legislators' expenses; amending RCW
2 44.04.120; and declaring an emergency.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 44.04.120 and 2009 c 549 s 6002 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Each member of the senate or house of representatives when serving
7 on official legislative business shall be entitled to receive, in lieu
8 of per diem or any other payment, for each day or major portion thereof
9 in which he or she is actually engaged in legislative business or
10 business of the committee, commission, or council, notwithstanding any
11 laws to the contrary, an allowance in an amount fixed by the secretary
12 of the senate and chief clerk of the house, respectively, in accordance
13 with applicable rules and resolutions of each body. Such allowance
14 shall be reasonably calculated to reimburse expenses, exclusive of
15 mileage, which are ordinary and necessary in the conduct of legislative
16 business, recognizing cost variances which are encountered in different
17 locales. The allowance authorized shall not exceed the greater of
18 forty-four dollars per day or the maximum daily amount determined under
19 RCW 43.03.050, as now or hereafter amended. In addition, a mileage

1 allowance shall be paid at the rate per mile provided for in RCW
2 43.03.060, as now or hereafter amended, when authorized by the house,
3 committee, commission, or council of which he or she is a member and on
4 the business of which he or she is engaged.

5 During any special session of the legislature convened within
6 thirty days following a regular session of the legislature under
7 Article II, section 12 of the state Constitution, no member of the
8 legislature shall receive any allowances for per diem expenses under
9 Title 44 RCW.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
12 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
13 immediately.

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