

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMPENSATION COMMISSION

Item 2A

Each member of the General Assembly, upon presentation of an expense voucher, shall be entitled to a per diem allowance for meals and reimbursed for expenses actually incurred for lodging due to: i) attendance at regular, extended, or extraordinary sessions of the General Assembly of Maryland or scheduled committee or subcommittee meetings thereof; ii) attendance at meetings of the Legislative Policy Committee or scheduled committee or subcommittee meetings thereof, including legislative committees created by statute; iii) attendance at scheduled meetings of a commission, committee, joint executive/legislative committee, or task force or subcommittee thereof to which the legislator has been appointed by the Governor, the President of the Senate, or the Speaker of the House of Delegates; iv) attendance at bill signings; or v) attendance at official functions in Annapolis or outside Annapolis directly related to duties as a member of the General Assembly as may be approved by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates shall establish guidelines and procedures for the determination and payment of expenses for meals and lodging, in accordance with the following policies:

(1) Requests for payment of the per diem meal allowance need not be supported by receipts;

(2) Requests for reimbursement for expenses incurred for lodging must be supported by receipts or by a billing from the facility providing the lodging and payment may be made directly to the facility;

(3) In no event shall a member be paid for meal expenses that exceed the following allowance per day, each of the daily limits to be in effect during the calendar year indicated:

<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>In-State Per Day Meal Allowance Limit</u>
1995, from January 11	\$ 30
1996	\$ 30
1997	\$ 30
1998	\$ 30
1999, to January 12	\$ 30; and

(4) In no event shall a member be reimbursed for lodging expenses that exceed the maximum per diem amount specified for lodging in Annapolis, Maryland as prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service as federal per diem allowances for travel.

Item 2B

Each member shall be reimbursed for expenses actually incurred in traveling between the member's home and the place of a session or meeting or function described in Item 2A above at the rate of twenty-seven cents (\$.27) per mile if travel is by automobile, and at the actual costs but not exceeding twenty-seven (\$.27) per mile if travel is by other means. The rate of twenty-seven (\$.27) per mile shall be automatically adjusted to conform to the equivalent rate in the Standard Travel Regulations of the State of Maryland, as amended from time to time by the Board of Public Works.