

1 House BILL NO. 683
2 INTRODUCED BY Vincent

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE
5 COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES OF LEGISLATORS; TO SUBSTITUTE A
6 SALARY FIGURE FOR GRADE 8, STEP 1, REGARDING LEGISLATORS'
7 SALARIES; AMENDING SECTION 43-310, R.C.M. 1947."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

10 Section 1. Section 43-310, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
11 read as follows:

12 "43-310. Compensation and ~~mileage~~ expenses for members
13 ~~for regular and special sessions and the interim~~ while in
14 ~~session.~~ ~~(1) Legislators are entitled to a salary~~
15 ~~commensurate to that of grade 8, step 1, classified state~~
16 ~~employees for the fiscal year during a regular or special~~
17 ~~session of the legislature, and a mileage allowance as~~
18 ~~provided in section 59-801 for each mile of travel to and~~
19 ~~from their residences and the place of holding the session,~~
20 ~~by the shortest regularly traveled automobile route,~~
21 ~~legislators may be compensated for one (1) round trip home~~
22 ~~for each regular and special session, provided, however,~~
23 ~~that legislators are not entitled to more than one (1) round~~
24 ~~trip home if a special session is held within seven (7) days~~
25 ~~of a regular session.~~

1 ~~(2) Members are also entitled to forty dollars (\$40)~~
2 ~~per day, seven (7) days a week during a legislative session,~~
3 ~~as reimbursement for expenses incurred in attending the~~
4 ~~session. Expense payments shall stop when the legislature~~
5 ~~recesses for more than three (3) days and shall resume when~~
6 ~~the legislature reconvenes.~~

7 ~~(3) While going to, attending, and returning from~~
8 ~~legislative standing committee meetings and necessary~~
9 ~~committee business authorized by the chairman of the~~
10 ~~legislative council during the legislative interim,~~
11 ~~legislators are entitled to:~~

12 ~~(a) a mileage allowance as provided in section 59-801~~
13 ~~for each mile of travel;~~

14 ~~(b) forty dollars (\$40) per day expenses; and~~

15 ~~(c) a daily salary as provided in section 43-310,~~
16 ~~R.C.M. 1947.~~

17 ~~(4) Legislators are also entitled to a mileage~~
18 ~~allowance as provided in section 59-801 for travel to and~~
19 ~~from their respective pre-session caucus meetings. (1)~~
20 Legislators are entitled to a daily salary of \$31.62 for
21 those days during which the legislature is in session. The
22 president of the senate and the speaker of the house shall
23 receive an additional \$5 a day in salary for those days
24 during which the legislature is in session.

25 (2) Legislators are entitled to \$40 a day, 7 days a

1 ~~week, during a legislative session, as reimbursement for~~
2 ~~expenses incurred in attending a session. Expense payments~~
3 ~~shall stop when the legislature recesses for more than 3~~
4 ~~days and shall resume when the legislature reconvenes.~~

5 ~~(3) Legislators are entitled to a mileage allowance as~~
6 ~~provided in 59-801 for each mile of travel:~~

7 ~~(a) to the place of the holding of the session and to~~
8 ~~return to their place of residence at the conclusion of the~~
9 ~~session; and~~

10 ~~(b) for one additional round trip to their place of~~
11 ~~residence during each session.~~

12 ~~(4) Legislators are not entitled to any additional~~
13 ~~mileage allowance under (3)(a) or (3)(b) for a special~~
14 ~~session if it is convened within 7 days of a regular~~
15 ~~session."~~

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