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An act relating to Class C travel; amending s. 112.061, F.S.; eliminating allowances for meals for Class C travel; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsections (5) and (6) of section 112.061, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

112.061 Per diem and travel expenses of public officers, employees, and authorized persons.--

- (5) COMPUTATION OF TRAVEL TIME FOR REIMBURSEMENT.--For purposes of reimbursement and methods of calculating fractional days of travel, the following principles are prescribed:
- (a) The travel day for Class A travel shall be a calendar day (midnight to midnight). The travel day for Class B travel shall begin at the same time as the travel period. For Class A and Class B travel, the traveler shall be reimbursed one-fourth of the authorized rate of per diem for each quarter, or fraction thereof, of the travel day included within the travel period. Class A and Class B travel shall include any assignment on official business outside of regular office hours and away from regular places of employment when it is considered reasonable and necessary to stay overnight and for which travel expenses are approved.
- (b) A traveler shall not be reimbursed on a per diem basis for Class C travel, but shall receive subsistence as provided in this section, which allowance Allowances for meals shall be based on the following schedule:

- 1. Breakfast--When travel begins before 6 a.m. and extends beyond 8 a.m. $\,$
- 2. Lunch--When travel begins before 12 noon and extends beyond 2 p.m.

3. Dinner--When travel begins before 6 p.m. and extends beyond 8 p.m., or when travel occurs during nighttime hours due to special assignment.

9 No allowance shall be made for meals when travel is confined 10 to the city or town of the official headquarters or immediate 11 vicinity; except assignments of official business outside the 12 traveler's regular place of employment if travel expenses are 13 approved. The Comptroller shall establish a schedule for

processing Class C travel subsistence payments at least on a monthly basis.

- (6) RATES OF PER DIEM AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE.--For purposes of reimbursement rates and methods of calculation, per diem and subsistence allowances are divided into the following groups and rates:
- shall be allowed for subsistence when traveling to a convention or conference or when traveling within or outside the state in order to conduct bona fide state business, which convention, conference, or business serves a direct and lawful public purpose with relation to the public agency served by the person attending such meeting or conducting such business, either of the following for each day of such travel at the option of the traveler:
 - 1. Fifty dollars per diem; or
- 2. If actual expenses exceed \$50, the amounts permitted in paragraph (b) for meals, plus actual expenses for

1	lodging at a single-occupancy rate to be substantiated by paid
2	bills therefor.
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4	When lodging or meals are provided at a state institution, the
5	traveler shall be reimbursed only for the actual expenses of
6	such lodging or meals, not to exceed the maximum provided for
7	in this subsection.
8	(b) All travelers shall be allowed the following
9	amounts for subsistence while on <u>Class A or Class B</u> Class C
10	travel on official business as provided in paragraph (5)(b):
11	1. Breakfast\$3
12	2. Lunch\$6
13	3. Dinner\$12
14	(c) No one, whether traveling out of state or in
15	state, shall be reimbursed for any meal or lodging included in
16	a convention or conference registration fee paid by the state.
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