

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the use of state funds; amending s.
 3 112.061, F.S.; providing a limitation on actual
 4 expenses of certain lodging that may be reimbursed for
 5 a state agency or judicial branch employee;
 6 authorizing an employee to expend his or her own funds
 7 on lodging expenses that exceed a specified amount;
 8 amending s. 286.27, F.S.; prohibiting the use of state
 9 funds to purchase alcoholic beverages and food or
 10 beverages for certain state agency appreciation or
 11 recognition events; providing an effective date.

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 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (6) of section
 16 112.061, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (d),
 17 paragraph (a) of subsection (6) is amended, and a new paragraph
 18 (c) is added to that subsection, to read:

19 112.061 Per diem and travel expenses of public officers,
 20 employees, and authorized persons.—

21 (6) RATES OF PER DIEM AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE.—For
 22 purposes of reimbursement rates and methods of calculation, per
 23 diem and subsistence allowances are provided as follows:

24 (a) All travelers shall be allowed for subsistence when
 25 traveling to a convention or conference or when traveling within

26 | or outside the state in order to conduct bona fide state
 27 | business, which convention, conference, or business serves a
 28 | direct and lawful public purpose with relation to the public
 29 | agency served by the person attending such meeting or conducting
 30 | such business, either of the following for each day of such
 31 | travel at the option of the traveler:

- 32 | 1. Eighty dollars per diem; or
- 33 | 2. If actual expenses exceed \$80, the amounts permitted in
 34 | paragraph (b) for subsistence, plus actual expenses for lodging
 35 | at a single-occupancy rate, except as provided in paragraph (c),
 36 | to be substantiated by paid bills therefor.

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 38 | When lodging or meals are provided at a state institution, the
 39 | traveler shall be reimbursed only for the actual expenses of
 40 | such lodging or meals, not to exceed the maximums ~~maximum~~
 41 | provided for in this subsection.

42 | (c) Actual expenses for lodging associated with the
 43 | attendance of an employee of a state agency or the judicial
 44 | branch at a meeting, conference, or convention organized or
 45 | sponsored in whole or in part by a state agency or the judicial
 46 | branch may not exceed \$150 per day. However, an employee may
 47 | expend his or her own funds for any lodging expenses that exceed
 48 | \$150 per day.

49 | Section 2. Section 286.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 50 | read:

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51 286.27 Prohibited uses ~~Use of state funds for greeting~~
52 ~~cards prohibited.~~ ~~No~~ State funds may not ~~shall~~ be expended for:
53 (1) The purchase, preparation, printing, or mailing of any
54 card the sole purpose of which is to convey holiday greetings.
55 (2) The purchase of alcoholic beverages.
56 (3) The purchase of food or beverages for events related
57 to state agency employee, board member, or vendor appreciation
58 or recognition.
59 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.