

**HOUSE BILL NO. 244**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVES GARA, Ortiz, Drummond**

**Introduced: 1/19/16**

**Referred: State Affairs, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to annual allowances for legislators; and relating to the payment of per**  
2 **diem to legislators and the staff of legislators."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 24.10.110 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 24.10.110. Annual [ADDITIONAL] allowances. Each [IN ADDITION,**  
6 EACH] member of the legislature is entitled to an annual allowance prescribed in  
7 accordance with AS 39.23 for postage, stationery, stenographic services, and other  
8 expenses.

9 **\* Sec. 2.** AS 24.10.110 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 (b) If a legislator or staff member of a legislator is traveling outside the  
11 community of residence of the legislator or staff member or outside the community of  
12 a legislative session during a legislative session, the following limits apply to the  
13 amount paid or reimbursed from the annual allowance:

14 (1) \$8 for breakfast, \$8 for lunch, and \$12 for dinner;

1                   (2) for lodging, the maximum lodging per diem rate published by the  
2 federal government.

3 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 24.10.130 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

4                   (d) A legislator or staff member of a legislator may not receive per diem while  
5 attending a conference held by an entity not headquartered in the state.

6                   (e) A legislator or staff member of a legislator is not entitled to per diem for  
7 meals in excess of \$8 for breakfast, \$8 for lunch, and \$12 for dinner or for lodging  
8 costing more than \$150 a night. If the maximum lodging per diem rate published by  
9 the federal government for the locality of the stay exceeds \$150, the annual allowance  
10 of the legislator may be used to reimburse the legislator or staff member of the  
11 legislator in the amount that the actual cost of the lodging exceeds \$150, except that  
12 the sum of per diem and reimbursement from the annual allowance may not exceed  
13 the maximum lodging per diem rate published by the federal government for the  
14 locality.

15                  (f) Per diem paid under this section to a legislator or staff member of a  
16 legislator must be supported by a receipt. Per diem may not be paid to a legislator or  
17 staff member of a legislator for an amount in excess of the amount supported by a  
18 receipt.

19                  (g) During a special session of the legislature, a legislator or staff member of a  
20 legislator may not receive per diem for any night in which the legislator or staff  
21 member resides in the legislator's or staff member's community of residence.