

§ 43b. Reimbursement of House Members for additional transportation expenses

The contingent fund of the House of Representatives is hereafter made available for reimbursement of transportation expenses incurred by Members (including the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico) in traveling, on official business, by the nearest usual route, between Washington, District of Columbia, and any point in the district which he represents, for a number of round trips each year not to exceed the number of months Congress is in session in such year, such reimbursement to be made in accordance with rules and regulations established by the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives.

(Pub. L. 85-570, July 31, 1958, 72 Stat. 443; Pub. L. 86-176, Aug. 21, 1959, 73 Stat. 401; Pub. L. 88-70, July 19, 1963, 77 Stat. 82; Pub. L. 89-90, July 27, 1965, 79 Stat. 269; Pub. L. 89-147, § 1, Aug. 28, 1965, 79 Stat. 583; Pub. L. 89-545, Aug. 27, 1966, 80 Stat. 358; Pub. L. 90-86, § 1, Sept. 17, 1967, 81 Stat. 226; Pub. L. 91-145, Dec. 12, 1969, 83 Stat. 343; Pub. L. 92-51, July 9, 1971, 85 Stat. 128; Pub. L. 92-607, ch. V, §§ 502, 506(k)(2), formerly § 506(h)(2), Oct. 31, 1972, 86 Stat. 1504, 1508, renumbered § 506(i)(2), Pub. L. 95-391, title I, § 108(a), Sept. 30, 1978, 92 Stat. 773, renumbered § 506(j)(2), Pub. L. 96-304, title I, § 101, July 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 889, renumbered § 506(k)(2), Pub. L. 97-276, § 101(e), Oct. 2, 1982, 96 Stat. 1189.)

AMENDMENTS

1972—Pub. L. 92-607 removed from category of allowed expenses any transportation expenses incurred by employees assigned to a Senator's office within the home State while traveling in the general vicinity of the office, pursuant to change in assignment within the State, and commuting, and, effective Jan. 1, 1973, struck out all provisions for the reimbursement of Senators and employees of Senators for travel expenses to the Senator's home State. See section 58 of this title.

1971—Pub. L. 92-51 rewrote provisions for reimbursement of Senators for transportation expenses, substituting provisions granting a total sum for each fiscal year for each Senator and employees in the Senator's office equal to forty or forty-four times the prescribed mileage allowance dependent on population of the Senator's State being under ten million or ten million and over inhabitants and in accordance with a schedule based on decreasing cents per mile for increasing distances within prescribed limits, describing method of computation when office is occupied for less than entire fiscal year, requiring voucher certification of employees' round trips as in line of official duty, prohibiting travel payments to place of employment of new appointees, and authorizing reimbursement as additional to any other provided for by law for official travel, for former provisions for reimbursement of Senators for each fiscal year for not more than twelve round trips or the equivalent thereof in one-way trips.

1969—Pub. L. 91-145 increased round trip limitation for Senators from six to twelve.

1967—Pub. L. 90-86 provided for reimbursement to members of House, in accordance with the rules of House Committee on House Administration, for those round trips made each year between the Member's district and Washington, D.C., the number of such trips not to exceed the number of months Congress is in session in such year instead of for four round trips each year.

1966—Pub. L. 89-545 authorized equivalent of six round trips in one-way trips for Senators.

1965—Pub. L. 89-147 increased from two to four round trips per year of Members of House of Representatives for which transportation expenses are to be reimbursed.

Pub. L. 89-90 increased round trip limitation for Senators from two to six.

1963—Pub. L. 88-70 authorized reimbursement of Members of House of Representatives for transportation expenses.

1959—Pub. L. 86-176 substituted "between Washington, District of Columbia, and any point in their home States, for not to exceed two round trips" for "from Washington, District of Columbia, to their resident cities in their home States, and return, for not to exceed two such round trips."

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on House Administration of House of Representatives changed to Committee on House Oversight of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Fourth Congress, Jan. 4, 1995.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1972 AMENDMENT

Section 506(k), formerly § 506(h), of Pub. L. 92-607, renumbered § 506(i) by Pub. L. 95-391, title I, § 108(a), Sept. 30, 1978, 92 Stat. 773, renumbered § 506(j) by Pub. L. 96-304, title I, § 101, July 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 889, and renumbered § 506(k) by Pub. L. 97-276, § 101(e), Oct. 2, 1982, 96 Stat. 1189, provided that the amendment made by that section [which struck out in its entirety the first par. of this section providing for the reimbursement of Senators and employees of Senators for travel expenses to the Senator's home state] is effective Jan. 1, 1973.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1971 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 92-51 provided that the amendment made by Pub. L. 92-51 is effective July 1, 1971.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1969 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 91-145 provided that the amendment made by Pub. L. 91-145 is effective July 1, 1969.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1967 AMENDMENT

Section 3 of Pub. L. 90-86 provided that: "The amendments made by the first two sections of this Act [amending this section and section 43b-1 of this title] shall take effect as of January 3, 1967."

CROSS REFERENCES

Adjustment of allowances by Committee on House Administration, see section 57 of this title.

Delegates from Guam and Virgin Islands, reimbursement of transportation expenses, see section 1715 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 43b-1 of this title.

§ 43b-1. Election by House Members of lump sum transportation payment in lieu of reimbursement of transportation expenses

A Member of the House of Representatives (including the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico) may elect to receive in any year, in lieu of reimbursement of transportation expenses for such year as authorized by section 43b of this title, a lump sum transportation payment of \$750 for such year. The Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives shall make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out this section.

(Pub. L. 89-147, § 2, Aug. 28, 1965, 79 Stat. 583; Pub. L. 90-86, § 2, Sept. 17, 1967, 81 Stat. 226.)

AMENDMENTS

1967—Pub. L. 90-86 substituted "\$750" for "\$300".

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