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# S. 2623

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 12, 2008

Mr. NELSON of Nebraska introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCES**  
 2 **FOR MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE COMPO-**  
 3 **NENTS OF THE ARMED FORCES ON LEAVE**  
 4 **FOR SUSPENSION OF TRAINING OR TO MEET**  
 5 **MINIMAL STAFFING REQUIREMENTS.**

6 (a) ALLOWANCES AUTHORIZED.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 7 of title 37, United  
 8 States Code, is amended by inserting after section  
 9 411j the following new section:

10 **“§ 411k. Travel and transportation allowances: travel**  
 11 **performed by certain members of the re-**  
 12 **serve components of the armed forces in**  
 13 **connection with leave for suspension of**  
 14 **training or to meet minimal staffing re-**  
 15 **quirements**

16 “(a) ALLOWANCE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary con-  
 17 cerned may reimburse or provide transportation to a mem-  
 18 ber of a reserve component of the armed forces on active  
 19 duty for a period of more than 30 days who is performing  
 20 duty at a temporary duty station for travel from the mem-  
 21 ber’s temporary duty station to the member’s permanent  
 22 duty station in connection with authorized leave pursuant  
 23 to a suspension of training or to meet minimal staffing  
 24 requirements at the temporary duty station.

1       “(b) MINIMUM DISTANCE BETWEEN STATIONS.—A  
2 member may be paid for or provided transportation under  
3 subsection (a) only as follows:

4           “(1) In the case of a member who travels be-  
5 tween a temporary duty station and permanent duty  
6 station by air transportation, if the distance between  
7 such stations is not less than 300 miles.

8           “(2) In the case of a member who travels be-  
9 tween a temporary duty station and permanent duty  
10 station by ground transportation, if the distance be-  
11 tween such stations is more than the normal com-  
12 muting distance from the permanent duty station  
13 (as determined under the regulations prescribed  
14 under subsection (e)).

15       “(c) MINIMUM PERIOD OF LEAVE.—A member may  
16 be paid for or provided transportation under subsection  
17 (a) only in connection with leave described in that sub-  
18 section that is more than 96 hours in duration.

19       “(d) LIMITATION ON REIMBURSEMENT.—The  
20 amount a member may be paid under subsection (a) for  
21 travel may not exceed the amount that would be paid by  
22 the government (as determined under the regulations pre-  
23 scribed under subsection (e)) for the least expensive means  
24 of travel between the duty stations concerned.

1       “(e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary concerned shall  
 2 prescribe regulations to carry out this section. Regulations  
 3 prescribed by the Secretary of a military department shall  
 4 be subject to the approval of the Secretary of Defense.”.

5           (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
 6 tions at the beginning of chapter 7 of such title is  
 7 amended by inserting after the item relating to sec-  
 8 tion 411j the following new item:

“411k. Travel and transportation allowances: travel performed by certain mem-  
 bers of the reserve components of the armed forces in connec-  
 tion with leave for suspension of training or to meet minimal  
 staffing requirements.”.

9           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
 10 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-  
 11 ment of this Act, and shall apply with respect to travel  
 12 that occurs on or after that date

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