



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

RULE AMENDMENT – BUSINESS REQUESTED BY HOUSE (SECTION 37.3)

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BACKGROUND

The 2016 Members' Compensation Review Committee (MCRC) made a recommendation regarding travel to the Capital Region at the request of the House of Assembly (e.g. training, swearing-in ceremonies, etc.) which was accepted by the Management Commission at its meeting on March 15, 2017 (CM 2017-027 refers).

Previously, expenses were reimbursed for Members travelling to the Capital Region for the purposes outlined above, but they were required to use one of their 20 House not in Session (HNIS) trips. As a result of accepting this recommendation, travel by MHAs at the request of the House of Assembly for purposes other than their usual duties, will be paid by the House of Assembly and will not count as one of the HNIS trips.

As a result, the following rule amendment was approved:

The Members' Resources and Allowance Rules were amended by adding immediately after section 37.2 the following:

- 37.3 (1) *Where, at the request of the clerk, while the House of Assembly is not in session, a member travels between the capital region and his or her constituency or permanent residence in order to participate in orientation, training or other services provided by the House of Assembly, that member may claim the costs associated with that travel.*
- (2) *For the purposes of subsection (1), travel costs are not included in the 20 return trips permitted under section 35, 36 or 37 but shall be claimed in the same amounts permitted under those sections.*

(3) The number of nights and daily amounts that may be claimed under this section are as established by the clerk at the time of the request.



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Clerk of the House of Assembly