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**** Bill No. ****

Introduced By *********

By Request of the Legislative Council

A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act revising the pay options for legislators when the legislature is not in session; amending section 5-2-302, MCA; and providing an immediate effective date."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

Section 1. Section 5-2-302, MCA, is amended to read:

"5-2-302. Compensation and expenses when legislature not in session. (1) When the legislature is not in session, a member of the legislature, while engaged in legislative business with prior authorization of the appropriate funding authority, is entitled to:

- (1)(a) a mileage allowance as provided in 2-18-503;
- $\frac{(2)}{(b)}$ expenses as provided in 2-18-501 and 2-18-502; and
- (3)(c) a salary as provided in subsection (2).
- (2) (a) equal to one full day's pay at the rate described in 5-2-301(1) Subject to subsection (2)(b), for each 24-hour period of time, (from midnight to midnight), or portion of a 24-hour period, spent away from home on authorized legislative business, a legislator may elect to receive:
 - (i) a full days's pay at the rate described in 5-2-301(1);
 - (ii) a half day's pay at the rate described in 5-2-301(1);

<u>or</u>

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(iii) no salary.

(b) However, if If time spent for business other than authorized legislative business results in lengthening a legislator's stay away from home into an additional 24-hour period, the legislator may not be compensated for the additional day."

{Internal References to 5-2-302: 2-2-111x 2-15-1019x 2-15-1021 x 2-15-1808x5-1-104x 5-11-305x 69-1-212x

NEW SECTION. Section 2. {standard} Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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