THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1767 Session of 2001

INTRODUCED BY LEDERER, GEORGE, BEBKO-JONES, RUBLEY, ARMSTRONG, SHANER, GODSHALL, KELLER, COLAFELLA, McGEEHAN, HERSHEY, BISHOP, HARHAI, WOGAN, C. WILLIAMS, YOUNGBLOOD, CREIGHTON, PIPPY, ROBERTS AND TRICH, JUNE 18, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 18, 2001

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
- 2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for
- 3 travel allowance and parking fees for jurors in the first
- 4 judicial district.
- 5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 6 hereby enacts as follows:
- 7 Section 1. Section 4561 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
- 8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:
- 9 § 4561. Compensation of and travel allowance for jurors.
- 10 (a) Compensation. -- A person summoned to serve as a juror
- 11 shall receive compensation at the rate of \$9 a day for the first
- 12 three days in any calendar year he shall be required to report
- 13 for service and \$25 a day for each day thereafter in such
- 14 calendar year that such person is required to report. [In
- 15 addition, persons so summoned]
- 16 (a.1) Travel allowance or parking fees:
- 17 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), persons
- 18 summoned to serve as jurors under subsection (a) shall be

- 1 paid a travel allowance at the rate of 17c / per mile
- 2 circular except that no travel allowance shall be paid in the
- 3 first judicial district.
- 4 (2) In lieu of a travel allowance payment under
- 5 paragraph (1), persons summoned to serve as jurors in the
- 6 first judicial district shall receive a sum of \$15 per day
- 7 for parking fees.
- 8 (b) State reimbursement.--The Commonwealth shall reimburse
- 9 each county 80% of the amount expended by the county for such
- 10 compensation and travel allowance beyond the first three days of
- 11 service if the juror is participating in a trial or in grand
- 12 jury proceedings. Application for reimbursement shall be made by
- 13 the county to the State Treasurer through the Administrative
- 14 Office pursuant to procedures prescribed by said office. As used
- 15 in this section, trial participation shall include voir dire
- 16 examination only if such examination shall have commenced prior
- 17 to the juror's fourth day of service.
- 18 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.