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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

RULE AMENDMENT – SECONDARY RESIDENCES

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BACKGROUND

The *Members' Resources and Allowances* formerly provided that an MHA could claim a prorated daily amount for accommodation in a secondary residence based on an estimated annual cost of defined expenses for each night the secondary residence was actually used.

In response to recommendations of the Members' Compensation Review Committee, the Commission approved amendments to the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* which fix the allowable expense for an MHA for accommodation in a secondary residence at \$53 per night for each night the secondary residence is actually used.

The amendments below reflect the final wording by the Office of the Legislative Counsel.

As required under subsection 15(5) of the Act, the amendments were approved at the February 3, 2010 meeting, distributed to all Members, posted on the House of Assembly website, and given final approval at the next meeting of the Commission held on February 17, 2010.

The rule amendments became effective on March 5, 2010, the date of publication in the NL Gazette.

1. (1) Paragraph 31(1)(b) of the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* is repealed and the following substituted:
 - (b) for each day that the House of Assembly is in session,
 - (i) with receipts, the actual cost of temporary standard room accommodations for each night the member actually occupies the accommodations, or
 - (ii) without receipts,
 - (A) a daily amount, of \$53 on the island portion of the province and \$71 in Labrador when staying in private accommodations, or
 - (B) \$53 for each night the member actually occupies his or her secondary residence; and
 - (2) Subsection 31(2) of the Rules is repealed.
2. Paragraph 32(2)(b) of the Rules is repealed and the following is substituted
 - (b) for a maximum of 3 nights during a trip,
 - (i) with receipts, the actual cost of temporary standard room accommodations for each night the member actually occupies the accommodations, or
 - (ii) without receipts,
 - (A) a daily amount, of \$53 on the island portion of the province and \$71 in Labrador when staying in private accommodations, or
 - (B) \$53 for each night the member actually occupies his or her secondary residence; and
3. Paragraph 33(b) of the Rules is repealed and the following is substituted
 - (b) for a maximum of 3 nights during a trip,
 - (i) with receipts, the actual cost of temporary standard room accommodations for each night the member actually occupies the accommodations, or
 - (ii) without receipts,
 - (A) a daily amount, of \$53 on the island portion of the province and \$71 in Labrador when staying in private accommodations, or

(B) \$53 for each night the member actually occupies his or her secondary residence; and

4. Paragraph 35(b) of the Rules is repealed and the following is substituted

(b) for not more than 50 nights

(i) with receipts, the actual cost of temporary standard room accommodations for each night the member actually occupies the accommodations, or

(ii) without receipts,

(A) a daily amount, of \$53 on the island portion of the province and \$71 in Labrador when staying in private accommodations, or

(B) \$53 for each night the member actually occupies his or her secondary residence; and

5. Paragraph 36(2)(b) of the Rules is repealed and the following is substituted

(b) for not more than 50 nights

(i) with receipts, the actual cost of temporary standard room accommodations for each night the member actually occupies the accommodations, or

(ii) without receipts,

(A) a daily amount, of \$53 on the island portion of the province and \$71 in Labrador when staying in private accommodations, or

(B) \$53 for each night the member actually occupies his or her secondary residence; and

6. Paragraph 37(b) of the Rules is repealed and the following is substituted

(b) for not more than 50 nights

(i) with receipts, the actual cost of temporary standard room accommodations for each night the member actually occupies the accommodations, or

(ii) without receipts,

(A) a daily amount, of \$53 on the island portion of the province and \$71 in Labrador when staying in private accommodations, or

(B) \$53 for each night the member actually occupies his or her secondary residence; and

7. Paragraph 38(2)(b) is repealed and the following is substituted

(b) within his or her constituency

(i) with receipts, the actual cost of temporary standard room accommodations for each night the member actually occupies the accommodations, or

(ii) without receipts,

(A) a daily amount, of \$53 on the island portion of the province and \$71 in Labrador when staying in private accommodations, or

(B) \$53 for each night the member actually occupies his or her secondary residence; and

8. Subsections 41(2), (3) and (4) of the Rules are repealed.

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