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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

RULE AMENDMENT – MODES OF TRAVEL

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BACKGROUND

Formerly, under the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules*, a Member was permitted to travel within his or her district by fixed wing aircraft (charter), helicopter, boat, snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle only with the prior approval of the Speaker. Members are permitted to travel between their constituency or permanent residence and the capital region by motor vehicle, rental vehicle, commercial fixed wing aircraft, bus, ferry and taxi but must have the prior approval of the Speaker to travel by other modes.

In response to recommendations of the Members' Compensation Review Committee, the Commission approved amendments to the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* which remove the requirement for Speaker approval for alternative modes of travel within a Member's district.

The amendments will also allow the Commission, by Directive, to authorize an alternative mode of travel for a Member between the capital region and the district/permanent residence on a continuing basis without the Speaker's approval for each trip. These authorizations will be considered subject to the availability of funds within the overall Members' Allowances and Assistance budget.

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 38(2)(a) of the Rules is amended by deleting the words and number “, in accordance with section 40” and the comma immediately before the words and number.
2. Section 40 of the Rules is amended by adding immediately after subsection (3) the following:
 - (3.1) Notwithstanding subsection (2), where, on a regular basis, a member proposes to travel by means other than the means mentioned in subsection (1), the member may make a proposal to the commission respecting that travel and the commission may, by directive approve that travel upon those terms and conditions that the commission considers to be appropriate without further need for the member to make an application under subsection (2).

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