

Public Law 96-346  
96th Congress

An Act

Sept. 10, 1980

[H.R. 7072]

To amend sections 5702 and 5704 of title 5, United States Code, to increase the maximum rates for per diem and actual subsistence expenses and mileage allowances of Government employees on official travel, and for other purposes.

Government  
travel expense  
allowances,  
increase.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 5702 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking out “\$35” in subsection (a) and inserting in lieu thereof “\$50”;

(2) by striking out “\$50” in subsection (c) and inserting in lieu thereof “\$75”; and

(3) by striking out “\$21” in subsection (d) and inserting in lieu thereof “\$33”.

SEC. 2. Section 5704 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking out “11 cents” in subsection (a)(1) and inserting in lieu thereof “20 cents”;

(2) by striking out “20 cents” in subsection (a)(2) and inserting in lieu thereof “25 cents”; and

(3) by striking out “24 cents” in subsection (a)(3) and inserting in lieu thereof “45 cents”.

5 USC 5702 note.

SEC. 3. To make available to Congress information in order that it may evaluate and reduce excessive per diem and mileage allowance payments:

GSA-conducted  
travel survey.

(a) The Administrator of General Services shall, based upon a sampling survey, collect by fiscal year the following information (compiled separately for payments made under sections 5702 and 5704 of title 5, United States Code, and for each agency evaluated) with respect to agencies spending more than \$5,000,000 annually on transportation of people:

(1) identification of the general causes and purposes of travel, both foreign and domestic, estimates of total payments, average cost and duration of trip, and an explanation of how these estimates were determined; and

(2) identification by specific agency of travel practices which appear to be inefficient from a travel management or program management standpoint and recommendations to the Congress on the applicability of alternatives to travel as well as other techniques to improve the use of travel in carrying out program objectives by relating travel to mission.

Report to  
Congress.

(b)(1) The Administrator shall report the information required by subsection (a) to the Congress for fiscal year 1979 by February 1, 1981; for fiscal year 1980 by June 1, 1981; and for fiscal year 1981 by June 1, 1982.

(2) The Administrator is empowered to issue such rules and regulations as are necessary to ensure that the information is submitted by the various agencies to him in a manner that permits comparisons among the agencies and to permit him to compile the information required to be included in the annual report.

Rules and regulations.

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

- HOUSE REPORT No. 96-1021 (Comm. on Government Operations).
- SENATE REPORT No. 96-904 (Comm. on Governmental Affairs).
- CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 126 (1980):
  - June 9, considered and passed House.
  - Aug. 27, considered and passed Senate.