

Senate Bill 259

By: Senator Tolleson of the 20th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 12-2-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 Board of Natural Resources and its officers, meetings, quorum, compensation of members,  
3 and reimbursement of members for expenses, so as to change certain provisions relating to  
4 compensation and reimbursement of members for expenses; to repeal conflicting laws; and  
5 for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 12-2-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Board of  
9 Natural Resources and its officers, meetings, quorum, compensation of members, and  
10 reimbursement of members for expenses, is amended by revising subsection (d) as follows:  
11 "(d) The members, including the ~~chairman~~ chairperson, shall each receive the per diem  
12 prescribed in Code Section 45-7-21 for each day of actual attendance at ~~official~~ meetings  
13 of the board; or any committee thereof and shall be reimbursed at the legal mileage rate  
14 ~~when traveling in the service of the board by personal vehicle, and in addition to mileage~~  
15 ~~shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred by reason of tolls and parking fees; and~~  
16 ~~shall be reimbursed for actual costs of travel by public carrier for travel expenses, lodging,~~  
17 meals, and transportation at the same rates established in travel regulations for state  
18 employees. The members, including the ~~chairman~~ chairperson, while on committee  
19 assignment approved in advance by the chairperson, shall receive ~~\$25.00 per diem; actual~~  
20 ~~cost of expenses, including meals, lodging, and transportation; and 10¢ per mile for~~  
21 ~~transportation by private means to the place of service and home by the nearest practicable~~  
22 route the same per diem and reimbursement of travel expenses as those authorized for  
23 attendance at meetings. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code section, the total  
24 per diem compensation paid in any year to any member of the board shall not exceed  
25 ~~\$1,200.00~~ \$3,000.00. Such per diem and actual expense shall be paid from funds of the  
26 department."

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**SECTION 2.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.