

[Amendment by Pub. L. 102-378 to section 314(g) of Pub. L. 102-90, set out above, effective Dec. 31, 1991, see section 9(b)(1) of Pub. L. 102-378, set out as an Effective Date of 1992 Amendment note under section 6303 of Title 5.]

**§ 31-3. Guidelines relating to restrictions on registered lobbyist participation in travel and disclosure**

**(1) In general**

Except as provided in paragraph (4) and not later than 60 days after September 14, 2007, and at annual intervals thereafter, the Select Committee on Ethics shall develop and revise, as necessary—

(A) guidelines, for purposes of implementing the amendments made by subsection (a),<sup>1</sup> on evaluating a trip proposal and judging the reasonableness of an expense or expenditure, including guidelines related to evaluating—

(i) the stated mission of the organization sponsoring the trip;

(ii) the organization's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips, if any;

(iii) other educational activities performed by the organization besides sponsoring congressional trips;

(iv) whether any trips previously sponsored by the organization led to an investigation by the Select Committee on Ethics;

(v) whether the length of the trip and the itinerary is consistent with the official purpose of the trip;

(vi) whether there is an adequate connection between a trip and official duties;

(vii) the reasonableness of an amount spent by a sponsor of the trip;

(viii) whether there is a direct and immediate relationship between a source of funding and an event; and

(ix) any other factor deemed relevant by the Select Committee on Ethics; and

(B) regulations describing the information it will require individuals subject to the requirements of the amendments made by subsection (a)<sup>1</sup> to submit to the committee in order to obtain the prior approval of the committee for travel under paragraph 2 of rule XXXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, including any required certifications.

**(2) Consideration**

In developing and revising guidelines under paragraph (1)(A), the committee shall take into account the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel published annually by the General Services Administration, the Department of State, and the Department of Defense.

**(3) Unreasonable expense**

For purposes of this section, travel on a flight described in paragraph 1(c)(1)(C)(ii) of rule XXXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate shall not be considered to be a reasonable expense.

**(4) Extension**

The deadline for the initial guidelines required by paragraph (1) may be extended for 30 days by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

(Pub. L. 110-81, title V, § 544(b), Sept. 14, 2007, 121 Stat. 769.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The amendments made by subsection (a), referred to in par. (1), mean the amendments made by subsec. (a) of section 544 of Pub. L. 110-81 to paragraph 2 of rule XXXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, which are not classified to the Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 110-81, title V, § 544(f), Sept. 14, 2007, 121 Stat. 771, provided that: "The amendments made by subsections (a) [121 Stat. 767] and (b) [enacting this section] shall take effect 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act [Sept. 14, 2007] or the date the Select Committee on Ethics issues new guidelines as required by subsection (b), whichever is later. Subsection (c) [121 Stat. 770] shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act."

SEPARATELY REGULATED EXPENSES

Pub. L. 110-81, title V, § 544(e), Sept. 14, 2007, 121 Stat. 771, provided that: "Nothing in this section [enacting this section and provisions set out as a note under this section] or section 541 [121 Stat. 766] is meant to alter treatment under law or Senate rules of expenses that are governed by the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act [of 1966, 22 U.S.C. 2621 et seq.] or the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act [of 1961, 22 U.S.C. 2451 et seq.]."

**§ 31a. Repealed. Mar. 2, 1955, ch. 9, § 4(b), 69 Stat. 11, eff. Mar. 1, 1955**

Section, acts Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, title VI, § 601(b), 60 Stat. 850; Oct. 20, 1951, ch. 521, title VI, § 619(d), 65 Stat. 570, related to expense allowance for Senators, Representatives, Delegates, and Resident Commissioner.

**§ 31a-1. Expense allowance of Majority and Minority Leaders of Senate; expense allowance of Majority and Minority Whips; methods of payment; taxability**

Effective fiscal year 1978 and each fiscal year thereafter, the expense allowances of the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate are increased to \$40,000 each fiscal year for each leader: *Provided*, That, effective with the fiscal year 1983 and each fiscal year thereafter, the expense allowance of the Majority and Minority Whips of the Senate shall not exceed \$10,000 each fiscal year for each Whip: *Provided further*, That, during the period beginning on January 3, 1977, and ending September 30, 1977, and during each fiscal year thereafter, the Vice President, the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader, the Majority Whip, and the Minority Whip may receive the expense allowance (a) as reimbursement for actual expenses incurred upon certification and documentation of such expenses by the Vice President, the respective Leader or the respective Whip, or (b) in equal monthly payments: *Provided further*, That effective January 3, 1977, the amounts paid to the Vice President, the Majority or Minority Leader of the Senate, or the Majority or Minority Whip of the Senate as reimbursement of actual expenses incurred upon certification and documentation pursuant to the second proviso of this section shall not be reported as income, and the expenses so reimbursed shall not be allowed as a deduction, under title 26.

(Pub. L. 95-26, title I, May 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 79; Pub. L. 95-94, title I, § 109, Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat.

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

661; Pub. L. 95-355, title I, Sept. 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 532; Pub. L. 98-63, title I, §101, July 30, 1983, 97 Stat. 333; Pub. L. 99-514, §2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095; Pub. L. 108-7, div. H, title I, §1(b)(1), (c), Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 349; Pub. L. 108-447, div. G, title I, §13(a)(1), Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3171.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section is based on the three provisos in paragraph under heading “Expense Allowances of the Vice President, Majority and Minority Leaders and Majority and Minority Whips” in the appropriation for the Senate in the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1977 (Pub. L. 95-26), and section 109 of the Congressional Operations Appropriation Act, 1978, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1978 (Pub. L. 95-94), and subsequent acts cited in the credits to this section.

#### AMENDMENTS

2004—Pub. L. 108-447 substituted “\$40,000” for “\$20,000”.

2003—Pub. L. 108-7 substituted “\$20,000” for “\$10,000” and “not exceed \$10,000” for “not exceed \$5,000”.

1986—Pub. L. 99-514 substituted “Internal Revenue Code of 1986” for “Internal Revenue Code of 1954”, which for purposes of codification was translated as “title 26” thus requiring no change in text.

1983—Pub. L. 98-63 substituted provisions increasing allowances for each Whip to \$5,000 each fiscal year, effective fiscal year 1983 and each fiscal year thereafter, for provisions authorizing not to exceed \$2,500 each fiscal year for each Whip, effective Apr. 1, 1977.

1978—Pub. L. 95-355 substituted provisions increasing allowances for each leader to \$10,000 each fiscal year, effective fiscal year 1978 and each fiscal year thereafter, for provisions authorizing not to exceed \$5,000 each fiscal year for each leader, effective with fiscal year 1977 and each fiscal year thereafter.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2004 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-447, div. G, title I, §13(c), Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3172, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section, section 32b of this title, and provisions set out as a note under section 32b of this title] shall apply to fiscal year 2005 and each fiscal year thereafter.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-7, div. H, title I, §1(f), Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 349, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section, sections 31a-3, 31a-4, and 32b of this title, and section 111 of Title 3, The President] shall apply to fiscal year 2003 and each fiscal year thereafter.”

### § 31a-2. Representation Allowance Account for Majority and Minority Leaders of Senate

#### (a) Establishment; purpose

There is hereby established an account, within the Senate, to be known as the “Representation Allowance Account for the Majority and Minority Leaders”. Such Allowance Account shall be used by the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate to assist them properly to discharge their appropriate responsibilities in the United States to members of foreign legislative bodies and prominent officials of foreign governments and intergovernmental organizations.

#### (b) Payments; allotment; reimbursement for actual expenses; taxability

Payments authorized to be made under this section shall be paid by the Secretary of the Senate. Of the funds available for expenditure

from such Allowance Account for any fiscal year, one-half shall be allotted to the Majority Leader and one-half shall be allotted to the Minority Leader. Amounts paid from such Allowance Account to the Majority or Minority Leader shall be paid to him from his allotment and shall be paid to him only as reimbursement for actual expenses incurred by him and upon certification and documentation of such expenses. Amounts paid to the Majority or Minority Leader pursuant to this section shall not be reported as income and shall not be allowed as a deduction under title 26.

#### (c) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated for each fiscal year (commencing with the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985) not more than \$20,000 to the Allowance Account established by this section.

(Pub. L. 99-88, title I, §197, Aug. 15, 1985, 99 Stat. 350.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section is from the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1985.

### § 31a-2a. Transfer of funds from representation allowance of Majority and Minority Leaders of Senate to expense allowance; availability; definitions

(a) The Secretary of the Senate shall, upon the written request of the Majority or Minority Leader of the Senate, transfer from any available funds in such Leader’s allotment in the Leader’s Representation Allowance (as defined in subsection (b)(1) of this section) for any fiscal year (commencing with the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985) to such Leader’s Expense Allowance (as defined in subsection (b)(2) of this section) to such year such amount as is specified in the request. Any funds so transferred for any fiscal year at the request of either such Leader shall be available to such Leader for such year for the same purposes as, and in like manner and subject to the same conditions as, are other funds which are available to him for such year as his expense allowance as Majority or Minority Leader.

(b)(1) The term “Leader’s Representation Allowance” means the Representation Allowance Account for the Majority and Minority Leaders established by section 31a-2 of this title.

(2) The term “Leader’s Expense Allowance”, when used in reference to the Majority or Minority Leader of the Senate, refers to the moneys available, for any fiscal year, to such Leader as an expense allowance and the appropriation account from which such moneys are funded.

(Pub. L. 100-71, title I, §1, July 11, 1987, 101 Stat. 422.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section is from the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1987.