

1985 Senate Bill 264

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1985 Wisconsin Act 34

AN ACT *to repeal* 230.12 (3) (cm); *to amend* 20.917 (1) (a), 20.917 (2) (a) and (b), 20.917 (3) (a) (intro.) and (5) (b) and 20.923 (2) (c); and *to create* 20.916 (1m), 20.917 (1) (e) and 20.917 (2m) of the statutes, *relating to* moving expenses of state employes and appointees, temporary lodging allowances payable to state employes, the salary of the governor, travel expense reimbursements to volunteers providing services to state agencies and adjustment of specific pay inequities affecting state employes.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 20.916 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

20.916 (1m) REIMBURSEMENT OF VOLUNTEERS. Except where reimbursement is required by law, an individual who volunteers his or her services to a state agency may, at the discretion of the appointing authority of the state agency receiving the services, be reimbursed by the state agency for actual and necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of the services. Reimbursement shall not exceed the maximum amounts established for state officers and employes under sub. (8).

SECTION 2. 20.917 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.917 (1) (a) Whenever an employe currently employed in a position in the civil service, other than on a limited term basis, is ordered to relocate or is promoted to a different position in the civil service and the new place of employment requires in the judgment of the new appointing authority at the new place of employment, or in the judgment of the appointing authority in an intra-agency relocation or promotion, a change in location of residence, the appointing authority shall authorize the employe to be reimbursed for the actual and necessary expense of transporting the employe and the immediate members of

the employe's family to the new place of residence and for the ~~preparation and~~ transportation of the employe's household effects to the new place of residence.

SECTION 3. 20.917 (1) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

20.917 (1) (e) In addition to other costs payable under this subsection, an employe who receives a reimbursement under par. (a) shall be paid a stipend of \$600 for preparation of household effects incident to moving and other direct and indirect moving expenses not otherwise reimbursable under this section. An employe or appointee who receives a reimbursement under par. (b) or (c) may, at the discretion of the appointing authority, be paid a stipend of not more than \$600 for preparation of household effects incident to moving and other direct and indirect moving expenses not otherwise reimbursable under this section.

SECTION 4. 20.917 (2) (a) and (b) of the statutes are amended to read:

20.917 (2) (a) The secretary of employment relations shall recommend a maximum dollar amount which may be permitted for reimbursement of any employe moving costs under ~~this section sub. (1) (a) to (c)~~, subject to the limitations prescribed in par. (b). This amount shall be submitted for the approval of the joint committee on employment relations in the

manner provided in s. 20.916 (8), and upon approval shall become a part of the compensation plan under s. 230.12 (1).

(b) The amount of reimbursement for moving household effects interstate may not exceed the maximum amount as set forth in the rate tables of the major household goods tariff publishing bureaus, as determined by the office of the commissioner of transportation. The amount of reimbursement for moving household effects intrastate may not exceed the maximum amount established by the office of the commissioner of transportation for the weight of goods moved and the distance involved. In any instance, the amount of reimbursement for moving household effects may not exceed the amount required to move household effects with a weight of ~~10,000~~ 15,000 pounds at the maximum rates for transporting household effects established by the office of the commissioner of transportation. ~~The amount of reimbursement for the preparation of household effects incident to moving may not exceed \$300.~~ The amount of reimbursement for transporting the employe and his or her immediate family to the new place of residence may not exceed the cost of automobile travel at the rate determined under s. 20.916 (4).

SECTION 5. 20.917 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

20.917 (2m) An individual who is living outside the contiguous 48 states and the District of Columbia and who incurs travel and transportation expenses for the purpose of reporting to his or her first place of employment or reporting upon reemployment after leaving the civil service to a location within the contiguous 48 states or District of Columbia may be reim-

bursed for actual, necessary and reasonable expenses incurred, if the reimbursement is recommended and approved in the manner prescribed in sub. (1) (c). In no case may the reimbursement exceed the maximum reimbursement rate for an individual who incurs such expenses upon appointment to a position in the federal government, as prescribed by applicable federal regulation. The reimbursement payable under this subsection is in lieu of the reimbursement otherwise payable under subs. (1) and (2).

SECTION 6. 20.917 (3) (a) (intro.) and (5) (b) of the statutes are amended to read:

20.917 (3) (a) (intro.) An appointing authority may recommend payment of a temporary lodging allowance for not to exceed ~~30~~ 45 days to an employe or person reporting to employment in the civil service, other than on a limited term basis, if the employe or person is eligible for moving expense reimbursement under sub. (1), whether or not that reimbursement is granted, and must establish a temporary residence at his or her headquarters city, subject to the following:

(5) (b) Payments under this subsection are in addition to any payments made under sub. (1). Payments under this subsection may be made only with the prior written approval of the secretary of ~~the department of~~ employment relations.

SECTION 7. 20.923 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.923 (2) (c) The annual salary of the governor shall be set at ~~the midpoint~~ 15% above the minimum of the salary range for executive salary group 10.

SECTION 8. 230.12 (3) (cm) of the statutes is repealed.