A bill for an act

relating to the legislature; requiring the full house of representatives and the full senate to approve per diem and expense reimbursements for their members; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections 3.099, subdivision 1; 3.101.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 3.099, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Paydays; mileage; per diem.** The compensation of each member of the legislature is due on the first day of the regular legislative session of the term and payable in equal parts on January 15, in the first month of each term and on the first day of each following month during the term for which the member was elected. The compensation of each member of the legislature elected at a special election is due on the day the member takes the oath of office and payable within ten days of taking the oath for the remaining part of the month in which the oath was taken, and then in equal parts on the first day of each following month during the term for which the member was elected.

Each member shall receive mileage for necessary travel to the place of meeting and returning to the member's residence in the amount and for trips as authorized by a vote of a majority of members of the senate for senate members and by a vote of a majority of members of the house of representatives for house members.

Each member shall also receive per diem living expenses during a regular or special session of the legislature in the amounts and for the purposes as determined by a vote of a majority of members of the senate for senate members and by a vote of a majority of members of the house of representatives for house members.

On January 15 in the first month of each term and on the first day of each following month, the secretary of the senate and the chief clerk of the house of representatives

shall certify to the commissioner of management and budget, in duplicate, the amount of compensation then payable to each member of their respective houses and its total.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 3.101, is amended to read:

**3.101 LIVING EXPENSES.**

A member of the legislature in addition to the compensation and mileage otherwise provided by law shall be reimbursed for living and other expenses incurred in the performance of duties or engaging in official business during a regular or special session and when the legislature is not in session in the manner and amount prescribed by ~~the senate Committee on Rules and Administration~~ a vote of a majority of members of the senate for senators and by a vote of a majority of members of the house of representatives ~~Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration~~ for house of representatives members.

Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 and 2 are effective March 1, 2011. Payments may be made under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.099, subdivision 1, and section 3.101 on or after that date only if authorized in the manner specified in sections 1 and 2.