

Sec. 5505.05. (A) Each member of the state highway patrol retirement board, upon appointment or election, shall take an oath of office that he will support the constitutions of the United States and this state, that he will diligently and honestly administer the affairs of the board, and that he will not knowingly violate or willfully permit the violation of any law applicable to this chapter. The oath shall be subscribed to by the member making it, certified by the officer before whom it is taken, and immediately filed in the office of the secretary of state.

(B) The members of the board shall serve without compensation, except that they shall suffer no loss because of absence from their regular employment while engaged in official duties as board members ~~and~~. THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses from the expense fund.

(C) The board may secure insurance coverage designed to indemnify board members and employees for their actions or conduct in the performance of official duties, and may pay required premiums for such coverage from the expense fund.

(D) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 111.15 OF THE REVISED CODE ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAVEL EXPENSES INCURRED BY BOARD MEMBERS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES. AS PART OF ANY AUDIT PERFORMED UNDER CHAPTER 117. OF THE REVISED CODE, AN INQUIRY SHALL BE MADE INTO WHETHER BOARD MEMBERS HAVE COMPLIED WITH THESE RULES.

(E) NO BOARD MEMBER SHALL ACCEPT PAYMENT OR REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES, OTHER THAN FOR MEALS AND OTHER FOOD AND BEVERAGES PROVIDED TO THE MEMBER, FROM ANY SOURCE OTHER THAN THE EXPENSE FUND. EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, NO OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED UNLESS APPROVED IN ADVANCE BY A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD AT A REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

SECTION 6. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is that the recommendations of the Ohio Retirement Study Commission issued in its annual report of December 14, 1994, on the Police and Firemen's Disability and Pension Fund need immediate implementation in order to ensure the proper financing of the benefits provided by the Fund. Therefore, this act shall go into immediate effect.

Emergency Clause
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