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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

# 'An Act To Raise the Meal Allowance for Members of the Board of Environmental Protection and the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-D, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 786, §5, is amended to read:

1.

12 MRSA §683

Maine Land Use Regulation Commission

Legislative Per Diem <u>Plus Expenses.</u> Notwithstanding any limitation on noonday meal expenses in section 12002, subsection 2, for each day in attendance at a commission meeting or hearing, each member is entitled to a meal allowance not to exceed the legislative meal allowance for each session day as provided for in Title 3, section 2.

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §12004-D, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1989, c. 503, Pt. A, §8 and c. 890, Pt. A, §§3 and 40, is further amended to read:

2.

38 MRSA §341-A

Board of Environmental Protection

Legislative Per Diem <u>Plus Expenses.</u> <u>Notwithstanding any</u> <u>limitation on noonday meal</u> <u>expenses in section 12002,</u> <u>subsection 2, for each day</u> <u>in attendance at a board</u> <u>meeting or hearing, each</u> <u>member is entitled to a</u> <u>meal allowance not to</u> SP0763, LR 3362xtered therefore ach session <u>day as provided for in Title</u> <u>3, section 2.</u> **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF

#### **Board of Environmental Protection Fund 0025**

Initiative: Provides funds for increased meal allowance expenses.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
All Other	\$0	\$3,600
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$3,600

## SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report. The amendment provides that the per diem fees for members of the Board of Environmental Protection and the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission remain at the legislative per diem rate. The amendment specifies that members are entitled to expenses and it authorizes a meal allowance not to exceed the legislative meal allowance.

### FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)