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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Courts - Jury Duty - Payment to Jurors**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the State per diem payment for certain jurors after a  
4 certain date under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this  
5 Act; and generally relating to payment for service on a jury.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
8 Section 8-106  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

14 8-106.

15 (a) In this section, "day" means the length of time in any 24-hour period  
16 during which a juror is required to be in attendance at or in proximity to the court in  
17 which the juror has been called as a juror.

18 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a juror shall  
19 receive a State per diem amount of \$15 for each day the juror attends court.

20 (2) [On or after July 1, 2005, a] A juror called to serve as a petit juror  
21 who serves more than [5] 3 days for a trial shall receive:

22 (i) A State per diem amount of \$15 for each day the juror attends  
23 court for the first [5] 3 days; and

24 (ii) For each day of service more than [5] 3 days, a State per diem  
25 amount of \$50.

1 (c) The government of each county and Baltimore City may supplement the  
2 State per diem amount by local ordinance.

3 (d) There shall be included in the State budget for the Judicial Branch an  
4 appropriation to the Administrative Office of the Courts in the total amount  
5 necessary to pay jurors the State per diem amount.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be  
7 construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have  
8 any effect on or application to any service on any petit jury before the effective date of  
9 this Act.

10 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 July 1, 2006.