

Regular Session, 1997

SENATE BILL NO. 68

BY SENATOR COX

MALPRACTICE. Increase fees payable to the attorney chairman of a medical malpractice review panel.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1299.47(I)(1)(b), relative to medical
3 malpractice; to provide for an increase in the fees payable to the
4 attorney chairman of a medical malpractice review panel; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:1299.47(I)(1)(b) is hereby amended and reenacted
8 to read as follows:

9 §1299.47. Medical review panel

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11 I.(1)(a) * * *

12 (b) The attorney chairman of the medical review panel shall be
13 paid at the rate of ~~one hundred~~ **two hundred fifty** dollars per diem, not
14 to exceed a total of ~~two~~ **five** thousand dollars for all work performed as
15 a member of the panel exclusive of time involved if called as a witness
16 to testify in a court of law regarding the communications, findings, and

1 conclusions made in the course and scope of duties as a member of the
2 medical review panel, and in addition thereto, reasonable travel
3 expenses. Additionally, the attorney chairman shall be reimbursed for
4 all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in performing his duties
5 for each medical review panel. The attorney chairman shall submit the
6 amount due him for all work performed as a member of the panel by
7 affidavit, which shall attest that he has performed in the capacity of
8 chairman of the medical review panel and that he was personally
9 present at all the panel's meetings or deliberations.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by David Smith.

DIGEST

Proposed law increases the per diem rate of the attorney chairman for services on a medical review panel from \$100 to \$250 and the maximum allowable compensation for all work performed from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

(Amends R.S. 40:1299.47(I)(1)(b))