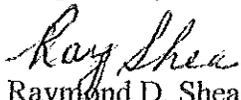


**HB5068- AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMPENSATION OF STATE BOARD OF
MECATION AND ARBITRATION**

Senator Osten, Representative Tercyak, my name is Raymond D. Shea and a permanent member of the Board of Mediation and Arbitration. I appear today to request the passage of HB5068 as it brings equity to the Per Diem rate for all Arbitrators. Current rate for the initial hearing is \$225. The inequity arises when the initial hearing is incomplete and a second hearing is rescheduled. The second hearing of this same case has a significantly different rate. For whatever reason is reduced to \$150. And, should this case require a third hearing, the \$150 continues. This is the case in all multi-day hearings. You have in your packet, a summation of the multi-day hearings over the previous physical year for a more definitive understanding. You will see in the addendum there is a slight increase for written Awards for one year. For consideration of cost we are not seeking additional funds for Executive Panel Sessions. Now due to the aforesaid discrepancy and equity, we respectfully ask for your consideration to pass the Bill and enact into Legislation.

I thank you for your attention

Respectfully



Raymond D. Shea
Permanent Member of Board