## REQUEST FOR CHANGES TO THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL (SAM)

Agency Code: 015

Department: Governor's Finance Office

Division (if applicable): Division of Internal Audits

Appointing authority: Tiffany Greenameyer

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Budget Division Analyst (name, phone and e-mail): N/A

Proposed BOE date: September 9, 2025

Proposed effective date: Upon BOE approval.

### 1. Reason/purpose for requested change:

### Administrative Oversight and Documentation

- Receipts from short-term rental platforms do not contain the itemized cost breakdown needed for audit and reimbursement and there is no mechanism to split receipts when employees share a rental home.
- Dispute resolution with short-term rental hosts is typically informal and can delay or complicate travel expense claims.

#### Security and Privacy Concerns

 Short-term rentals may not have the same security controls as hotels (e.g., 24-hour front desk, secure key systems), creating safety concerns for employees traveling on State business.

### Risk Management and Liability

- o Short-term rentals are not required to consistently meet the health, safety, and accessibility standards required of licensed hotels or motels.
- o Unlike regulated commercial lodging, short-term rentals may lack appropriate fire safety systems, ADA compliance, or insurance coverage, increasing liability for the State.
- Property owners on these platforms may not carry commercial liability insurance, potentially leaving the State vulnerable in the event of injury, theft, or damage.
- 2. Explain how the recommended change(s) will benefit agencies or create consistencies or efficiencies, etc. (provide examples if applicable):

The changes will reduce risk and liability to the State.

3. Will recommended change have a fiscal impact (if yes, explain):

No.

4. Existing and recommended language in SAM (blue bold italics is new language being proposed and red strikethrough is deleted language being proposed).

The change requested is attached.

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#### **Current Policy:**

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#### **Final Policy:**

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