



Contract **BULLETIN**

Local Travel Waiver

TV/THEATRICAL/STREAMING

Sunsetting the Local Travel Waiver

As of January 1, 2025, the 500-mile travel waiver will no longer be offered to TV/Theatrical signatory producers.

The 500-mile travel waiver was initially created in the mid-1990s and adopted by 17 Locals to help encourage productions shooting on location to hire regional performers. The intent was to make local day performers more marketable by offering productions the ability to waive travel pay on days in which no other work was to be performed. However, members have increasingly been concerned about the waiver, particularly expressing displeasure upon learning they would not receive a travel allowance for overnight locations when working on episodic television.

After considerable discussion among the Local Boards from each Local with the waiver actively in place, it was a near unanimous vote to recommend sunseting the waivers. Due to the current landscape of transient production and an increasingly transient workforce, it is believed the travel provisions as negotiated in the collective bargaining agreement should be applied equally to all members. As a reminder, there is no designation of “modified regional hire” under our agreements.

If you have questions about the applicability of travel provisions for productions commencing on or after January 1, 2025, please contact the Entertainment Contracts team at entcontractsinfo@sagaftra.org or Local staff as noted below.

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