

1 House BILL NO. 305
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March 11, 1975

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 305

That House Bill No. 305, third reading, be amended as follows:

1. Amend title, line 8.
Following: "REQUIRED"
Insert: "; and providing an effective date"
2. Amend page 2, section 1, line 22.
Following: line 22
Insert: "Section 2. Effective date. This act is effective
July 1, 1976."

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