

1 H BILL NO. 159  
2 INTRODUCED BY Walton, Melody Country

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March 31, 1977

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Following: line 23

Strike: "\$15"

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April 2, 1977

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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Following: "TO"

Strike: "IMPOSE A PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER A SNOWMOBILE DURING  
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Insert: "extend"

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Following: "snowmobile."

Strike: lines 22 through line 2 on page 2 in their entirety.

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