

HOUSE BILL NO. 67

INTRODUCED BY COONEY

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION

IN THE HOUSE

January 4, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.
January 6, 1979	On motion, joint rule 6-6 suspended and sponsor's signature allowed to be added to prefiled bill.
January 18, 1979	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.  On motion taken from printing and referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.
January 24, 1979	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
January 25, 1979	On motion taken from printing and referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.
January 31, 1979	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
February 1, 1979	Printed and placed on members' desks.
February 2, 1979	Second reading, do pass.
February 3, 1979	Considered correctly engrossed.
February 5, 1979	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to second house.

**IN THE SENATE**

February 6, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.
March 9, 1979	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 12, 1979	Second reading, concurred in.
March 15, 1979	Third reading, concurred in.

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March 16, 1979	Returned from second house. Concurred in. Sent to enrolling.  Reported correctly enrolled.
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(2) The supervisor shall direct all enforcement activities in behalf of the commission, including the investigation and prosecution of violations of Chapter 184,

Laws of 1931, as amended, or the rules or orders prescribed thereunder by the commission.

(3) The supervisor and whatever field inspectors may be employed by the commission to assist him shall be deemed peace officers for the purpose of making arrests in connection with violations of Chapter 184, Laws of 1931, as amended, and issuing summonses, accepting bail, and serving warrants of arrest. The supervisor and field inspectors are empowered to make reasonable inspections of cargoes carried by commercial motor vehicles and require production of manifests, bills of lading, leases, and other documents relating to the cargo, driver, routing, or ownership of such vehicles."

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