

CHAPTER NO. 74

HOUSE BILL NO. 518

INTRODUCED BY COONEY

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

IN THE HOUSE

February 2, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
February 7, 1979	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
February 8, 1979	Printed and placed on members' desks.
February 9, 1979	Second Reading, do pass.
February 10, 1979	Considered correctly engrossed.
February 12, 1979	Third Reading, passed. Transmitted to Second House.

IN THE SENATE

February 13, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.
February 27, 1979	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 1, 1979	Second Reading, concurred in.
March 3, 1979	Third Reading, concurred in.

IN THE HOUSE

March 5, 1979	Returned from Second House. Concurred in. Sent to enrolling. Reported correctly enrolled.
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