

HOUSE BILL 519

IN THE HOUSE

February 2, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
February 7, 1979	Committee recommend bill, do pass.
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.

IN THE SENATE

February 13, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
April 20, 1979	Died in Committee.

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2 INTRODUCED BY Seely

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