

HOUSE BILL 584

IN THE HOUSE

February 6, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Appropriations.
March 26, 1979	Committee recommend bill, do pass
March 27, 1979	Printed and placed on members' desks.
	Second reading, do pass.
	Considered correctly engrossed.
	Third reading, passed.

IN THE SENATE

March 27, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Finance and Claims.
April 9, 1979	Committee recommend bill, not concurrred.

IN THE HOUSE

April 9, 1979	Returned from Senate, not concurrred.
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2 INTRODUCED BY Decker

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7 THE CENTERS; AMENDING SECTION 53-21-203, MCA."

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14 the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of mental illness.
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16 corporations may be provided for directly by state agencies
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6 supplement the regional budget. However, if those patients
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Approved by Comm.
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