

CHAPTER NO. 498.

HOUSE BILL NO. 620

INTRODUCED BY LORY

IN THE HOUSE

February 7, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
February 13, 1979	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
February 14, 1979	Second reading, do pass.
February 15, 1979	Considered correctly engrossed.
February 16, 1979	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to second house.

IN THE SENATE

February 17, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
March 16, 1979	Committee recommend bill be concurred in as amended. Report adopted.
March 19, 1979	Motion pass consideration.
March 20, 1979	Second reading, concurred in.
March 23, 1979	Third reading, concurred in as amended.

IN THE HOUSE

March 24, 1979	Returned from second house. Concurred in as amended.
March 26, 1979	On motion, consideration passed until the 71st Legislative Day.

March 29, 1979

Second reading, amendments
adopted.

March 30, 1979

Third reading, amendments
adopted. Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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- 18 ~~(d) the expenditure is legal. However, it may require~~

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 23 auditor.

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March 16, 1979

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT
(State Administration)

That House Bill No. 620, third reading bill, be amended as follows:

1. Page 1, line 18

Following: "However,"

Strike: "it may require"

Insert: "all state"

2. Page 1, lines 19 and 20

Following: "agencies"

Strike: "to submit claims for preaudit if the department con-
siders it necessary"

Insert: "shall submit copies of all claims to the department
of administration which may preaudit those claims it considers
necessary"

3. Page 1, line 21

Following: "department"

Strike: "for preaudit"