

HOUSE BILL NO. 705

INTRODUCED BY YARDLEY, VINCENT, SCULLY

IN THE HOUSE

February 9, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
February 15, 1979	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
February 17, 1979	Printed and placed on members' desks.
February 20, 1979	Second reading, do pass as amended.
February 21, 1979	Correctly engrossed. Third reading, passed. Transmitted to second house.

IN THE SENATE

February 22, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
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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