

HOUSE BILL NO. 304

INTRODUCED BY MOORE

IN THE HOUSE

January 17, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Local Government.
February 9, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
February 10, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 11, 1981	Second reading, do pass.
February 12, 1981	Considered correctly engrossed.
February 13, 1981	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 87; Noes, 5. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

February 14, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Local Government.
March 19, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurred in as amended. Report adopted.
March 21, 1981	Second reading, concurred in.
March 24, 1981	Third reading, concurred in as amended. Ayes, 47; Noes, 2.

IN THE HOUSE

March 25, 1981	Returned from Senate with amendments.
April 8, 1981	Second reading, amendments concurred in.
April 9, 1981	Third reading, amendments concurred in. Ayes, 93; Noes, 1. Sent to enrolling. Reported correctly enrolled.

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March 19, 1981

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT
(Local Government)

That House Bill No. 304 be amended as follows:

1. Page 1, line 22.

Following: "such"

Insert: "at least once a week"