

SENATE BILL NO. 60

INTRODUCED BY ELLIOTT

BY REQUEST OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

IN THE SENATE

January 5, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Labor and Employment Relations.
January 21, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
January 22, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
January 23, 1981	Second reading, do pass.
January 24, 1981	Considered correctly engrossed.
January 26, 1981	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to House.

IN THE HOUSE

January 27, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Business and Industry.
March 6, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 9, 1981	Second reading, concurred in.
March 11, 1981	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 90; Noes, 3.

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March 12, 1981	Returned from House. Concurred in. Sent to enrolling. Reported correctly enrolled.
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REFERENCE BILL