

SENATE BILL NO. 445
INTRODUCED BY HAZELBAKER
BY REQUEST OF THE SENATE BUSINESS AND
INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

IN THE SENATE

February 12, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Business and Industry.
February 20, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
February 21, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 23, 1981	Second reading, do pass.
February 24, 1981	Correctly engrossed.
February 25, 1981	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 49; Noses, 1. Transmitted to House.

IN THE HOUSE

March 3, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Business and Industry.
March 13, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 21, 1981	Second reading, concurred in.
March 24, 1981	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 98; Noes, 0.

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