

SENATE BILL NO. 484

INTRODUCED BY SEVERSON, BURNETT

BY REQUEST OF THE SENATE TAXATION COMMITTEE

IN THE SENATE

March 18, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Taxation.
March 24, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
March 25, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
March 26, 1981	Second reading, do pass.
March 27, 1981	Correctly engrossed.
March 28, 1981	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 41; Noes, 7. Transmitted to House.

IN THE HOUSE

March 30, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Taxation.
April 6, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
April 7, 1981	Motion pass consideration.
April 9, 1981	Second reading, concurred in. On motion rules suspended and bill placed on third reading this day. Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 84; Noes, 6.

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April 10, 1981

Returned from House. Con-
curred in. Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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