HOUSE BILL NO. 107

Introduced: 01/06/83
Referred to committee on State Administration: 01/06/83
 Hearing: 1/11/83
 Report: 01/14/83, do Pass
2nd Reading: 01/18/83, Do Pass
3rd Reading: 01/20/83, Do Pass
Transmitted to Senate: 1/20/83
Referred to Committee on state Administration: 01/21/83
 Hearing: 3/2/83
 Report: 3/2/83, Be Concurred In
On Motion, 3/5/83, That the bill be Taken From 2nd Reading
 and Rereferred to Committee on State Administration.
 Motion Passed Unanimously.

Died in Senate Committee

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INTRODUCED BILL

## Approved by Committee on State Administration

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