

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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3                    BY REQUEST OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
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