

**SENATE BILL NO. 70**

**INTRODUCED BY ECK, NORMAN, BERGENE,  
J. JACOBSON, HANSEN**

**IN THE SENATE**

January 6, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on Labor and Employment Relations.
January 20, 1983	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
January 21, 1983	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
January 22, 1983	Second reading, do pass.
January 24, 1983	Correctly engrossed.
January 25, 1983	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 50; Noes, 0. Transmitted to House.

**IN THE HOUSE**

January 26, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on Human Services.
March 10, 1983	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 11, 1983	Second reading, concurred in.
March 12, 1983	Third reading, concurred in.

**IN THE SENATE**

March 14, 1983	Returned to Senate. Sent to enrolling.
	Reported correctly enrolled.

1 Senate BILL NO. 76  
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