

SENATE BILL NO. 352

INTRODUCED BY REGAN,  
DOVER, MAZUREK

IN THE SENATE

February 4, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
February 10, 1983	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
February 11, 1983	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 12, 1983	Second reading, do pass.
February 14, 1983	Correctly engrossed.
February 15, 1983	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 49; Noes, 0. Transmitted to House.

IN THE HOUSE

February 28, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
March 10, 1983	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 11, 1983	Second reading, concurred in.
March 14, 1983	Third reading, concurred in.

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March 15, 1983	Returned to Senate. Sent to enrolling.
	Reported correctly enrolled.

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