

HOUSE BILL NO. 270

INTRODUCED BY MARKS, HARPER, HAFFEY,  
FULLER, MENAHAN, DONALDSON, KEENAN

IN THE HOUSE

January 19, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
January 30, 1985	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.  Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 2, 1985	Second reading, do pass.  Considered correctly engrossed.
February 4, 1985	Third reading, passed.  Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

February 7, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Safety.
February 26, 1985	On motion, taken from Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Safety and returned to the House. Motion adopted.

IN THE HOUSE

March 5, 1985	On motion of 2/26/85, House requested return of bill. Returned to House 3/5/85.
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March 6, 1985 On motion, rereferred to  
Committee on Appropriations.

April 1, 1985 Committee recommend bill do  
pass as amended. Report  
adopted.

Bill printed and placed on  
members' desks.

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Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

April 3, 1985 Introduced and referred to  
Committee on Finance and  
Claims.

April 19, 1985 Committee recommend bill be  
concurrent in. Report adopted.

April 22, 1985 Second reading, concurred in.

April 23, 1985 Third reading, concurred in.  
Ayes, 47; Noes, 2.

Returned to House.

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April 23, 1985 Received from Senate.

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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 3 Manahan K. Penner

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