HOUSE BILL NO. 627

INTRODUCED BY KEENAN, KRUEGER, WALDRON, MILES, HARRINGTON, O'CONNELL, ADDY, BERGENE, SCHYE, PAVLOVICH

IN THE HOUSE

February 1, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
February 13, 1985	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
February 14, 1985	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 16, 1985	Second reading, do pass.
February 18, 1985	Considered correctly engrossed.
February 19, 1985	Third reading, passed.
	Transmitted to Senate.
IN '	THE SENATE
February 21, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
March 6, 1985	On motion, taken from Committee on Judiciary and rereferred to Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Safety.
March 23, 1985	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 27, 1985	Second reading, concurred in.
March 29, 1985	Third reading, concurred in.

Ayes, 49; Noes, 0.

Returned to House.

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March 29, 1985

Received from Senate.

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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3	(e) to appear and participate in all proceedings to
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