HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19

INTRODUCED BY WALDRON, MAZUREK, SPAETH, HARPER, BERGENE, WINSLOW, FULLER, E. SMITH, VAN VALKENBURG, STEPHENS, HANNAH, MARKS

		IN	THE	HOUSE
January 31,	1985			Introduced and referred to Committee on Human Services and Aging.
February 5,	1985			On motion by Chief Sponsor, Representatives Spaeth, Harper, Bergene, Winslow, Hannah, Marks and Senators Fuller, E. Smith, Van Valkenburg, Stephens, added as sponsors.
				Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
				Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 6,	1985			Second reading, do pass.
				Considered correctly engrossed.
February 7,	1985			Third reading, passed.
				Transmitted to Senate.
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February 8,	1985			Introduced and referred to Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Safety.
March 28, 19	985			Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 29, 19	985			On motion, rules temporarily suspended in order that all bills considered on second reading on the 70th Legislative Day advance

to third reading that same day.

April 1, 1985

Second reading, concurred in.

Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 50; Noes, 0.

Returned to House.

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April 2, 1985

Received from Senate.

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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