

SENATE BILL NO. 15

INTRODUCED BY KOLSTAD

BY REQUEST OF THE CODE COMMISSIONER

IN THE SENATE

January 7, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.
January 9, 1985	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
January 10, 1985	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
January 11, 1985	Second reading, do pass.
January 14, 1985	Considered correctly engrossed.
January 15, 1985	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 49; Noes, 0.
	Transmitted to House.

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January 16, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.
March 13, 1985	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 16, 1985	Second reading, concurred in.
March 18, 1985	Third reading, concurred in.
	Returned to Senate.

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March 18, 1985

Received from House.

March 19, 1985

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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1 Sections 10-2-301 through 10-2-304, MCA, are intended to be  
 2 renumbered and codified as an integral part of Title 61,  
 3 chapter 3, part 4.

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