## HOUSE BILL NO. 571

## INTRODUCED BY DAILY, PAVLOVICH, QUILICI, HANNAH

## IN THE HOUSE

- FEBRUARY 2, 1987 INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & AGING.
- FEBRUARY 9, 1987 COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.

PRINTING REPORT.

- FEBRUARY 11, 1987 SECOND READING, DO PASS.
- FEBRUARY 12, 1987 ENGROSSING REPORT.

ON MOTION, TAKEN FROM THIRD READING AND REREFERRED TO SECOND READING.

SECOND READING, DO PASS AS AMENDED.

INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & SAFETY.

- FEBRUARY 13, 1987 ENGROSSING REPORT.
- FEBRUARY 14, 1987 THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 88; NOES, 7.

TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.

SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 16, 1987

- MARCH 25, 1987
- MARCH 28, 1987
- MARCH 30, 1987 THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 50; NOES, 0.

RETURNED TO HOUSE.

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MARCH 31, 1987

RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT RAISING FROM 16 TO 18
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17 (2) A parent or guardian or any person who is 18 years 18 of age or older, whether or not he is supervising the 19 welfare of the child, commits the offense of endangering the 20 welfare of children if he knowingly contributes to the 21 delinguency of a child less than 16 18 years old by:

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