

HOUSE BILL NO. 702

INTRODUCED BY VINCENT, MARKS

IN THE HOUSE

FEBRUARY 11, 1987	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES.
FEBRUARY 19, 1987	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 20, 1987	PRINTING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 21, 1987	SECOND READING, DO PASS AS AMENDED. ON MOTION, TAKEN FROM ENGROSSING REREFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.
FEBRUARY 23, 1987	ENGROSSING REPORT.
MARCH 23, 1987	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 24, 1987	PRINTING REPORT.
MARCH 26, 1987	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
MARCH 27, 1987	ENGROSSING REPORT. THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 83; NOES, 8. TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

MARCH 31, 1987	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & CLAIMS.
APRIL 7, 1987	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
APRIL 9, 1987	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.

APRIL 10, 1987

THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN.
AYES, 28; NOES, 22.

RETURNED TO HOUSE.

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RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

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