

HOUSE BILL NO. 354

INTRODUCED BY MERCER, JACOBSON, MARKS,
PECK, NATHE, REGAN, VINCENT

IN THE HOUSE

JANUARY 21, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.
JANUARY 23, 1989	FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 8, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 9, 1989	PRINTING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 10, 1989	SECOND READING, DO PASS. ENGROSSING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 13, 1989	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 90; NOES, 6. TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

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FEBRUARY 14, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & CLAIMS. FIRST READING.
APRIL 13, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
APRIL 14, 1989	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
APRIL 17, 1989	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 37; NOES, 12. RETURNED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

APRIL 18, 1989	RECEIVED FROM SENATE.
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SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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