

HOUSE BILL NO. 792  
INTRODUCED BY DAVIS

IN THE HOUSE

MARCH 29, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.
	FIRST READING.
MARCH 30, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 31, 1989	PRINTING REPORT.
APRIL 3, 1989	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
APRIL 4, 1989	ENGROSSING REPORT.
APRIL 5, 1989	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 97; NOES, 0.
	TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

APRIL 8, 1989	ON MOTION, RULES SUSPENDED TO ALLOW FOR ACCEPTANCE OF LATE BILL
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APRIL 11, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
APRIL 12, 1989	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
APRIL 13, 1989	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 48; NOES, 0.
	RETURNED TO HOUSE.

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APRIL 14, 1989

RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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