SENATE BILL 133

Introduced by Hertel

- 1/13 Introduced
- 1/13 Referred to Highways & Transportation
- 1/13 First Reading
- 1/19 Hearing
- 1/19 Committee Report--Bill Passed
- 1/20 2nd Reading Passed
- 1/21 3rd Reading Passed

Transmitted to House

- 1/22 First Reading
- 1/22 Referred to Highways & Transportation
- 2/03 Hearing
- 2/05 Committee Report--Bill Concurred
- 2/09 2nd Reading Concur Motion Failed

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25 (2) Where When no special hazard exists that requires



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13 (3) "Daytime" means from one-half hour before sunrise
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