

SENATE BILL NO. 135

INTRODUCED BY MESAROS
BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

IN THE SENATE

JANUARY 13, 1993	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.
	FIRST READING.
JANUARY 19, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.
JANUARY 20, 1993	PRINTING REPORT.
	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
JANUARY 21, 1993	ENGROSSING REPORT.
	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 48; NOES, 0.
	TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE.

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JANUARY 22, 1993	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.
	FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 2, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 6, 1993	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
FEBRUARY 9, 1993	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 88; NOES, 11.
FEBRUARY 10, 1993	RETURNED TO SENATE.

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FEBRUARY 10, 1993	RECEIVED FROM HOUSE.
	SENT TO ENROLLING.
	REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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(b) Pedestrians facing the signal may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk.

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