SENATE BILL NO. 135

INTRODUCED BY MESAROS BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

IN THE SENATE

JANUARY 13, 1993

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INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.

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FIRST READING.

- JANUARY 19, 1993
- JANUARY 20, 1993 PRINTING REPORT.

SECOND READING, DO PASS.

COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.

JANUARY 21, 1993 ENGROSSING REPORT.

THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 48; NOES, 0.

TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

JANUARY 22, 1993

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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RECEIVED FROM HOUSE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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