

House BILL NO. 184

INTRODUCED BY

Debra Meyer

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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March 9, 1995

MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Safety having had under consideration HB 184 (third reading copy -- blue), respectfully report that HB 184 be amended as follows and as so amended be concurred in.

Signed:


Senator Jim Burnett, Chair

That such amendments read:

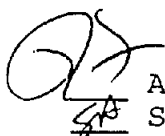
1. Page 3, line 11.

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 7. Coordination instruction. If [this act] and House Bill No. 518 are both passed and approved and if House Bill No. 518 repeals 37-17-304, then the repeal of 37-17-304 in House Bill No. 518 is void."

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