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CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS  
Speaker of the House

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JOHN P. KIBBIE  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 781, Eighty-first General Assembly.

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MARGARET THOMSON  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved 4/29, 2005

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THOMAS J. VILSACK  
Governor