

osteopath, osteopathic physician and surgeon, physician assistant, nurse, dentist, or pharmacist required to be licensed under chapter 147.

2. "Suicide" means the act or instance of taking a person's own life voluntarily and intentionally.

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 707A.2 ASSISTING SUICIDE.

A person commits a class "C" felony if the person intentionally or knowingly assists, solicits, or incites another person to commit or attempt to commit suicide, or participates in a physical act by which another person commits or attempts to commit suicide.

Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 707A.3 ACTS OR OMISSIONS NOT CONSIDERED ASSISTING SUICIDE.

1. A licensed health care professional who administers, prescribes, or dispenses medications or who performs or prescribes procedures to relieve another person's pain or discomfort, even if the medication or procedure may hasten or increase the risk of death, does not violate section 707A.2 unless the medications or procedures are intentionally or knowingly administered, prescribed, or dispensed with the primary intention of causing death.

2. A licensed health care professional who withholds or withdraws a life-sustaining procedure in compliance with chapter 144A or 144B does not violate section 707A.2.

Sec. 4. Section 901.3, Code 1995, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 7. Any mitigating circumstances relating to the offense and the defendant's potential as a candidate for deferred judgment, deferred sentencing, a suspended sentence, or probation, if the defendant is charged with or convicted of assisting suicide pursuant to section 707A.2.

Approved March 1, 1996

CHAPTER 1003
GYPSY MOTH LITIGATION
S.F. 2130

AN ACT eliminating the requirement to commence litigation involving shipments of plants infested with gypsy moths, and providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. **REPEAL.** 1995 Iowa Acts, chapter 216, section 27, is repealed.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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