

CHAPTER 78

CHILD ENDANGERMENT COMMITTED BY SEX OFFENDERS

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AN ACT relating to child endangerment committed by a sex offender, and providing penalties.

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

Section 1. [Section 726.6](#), Code 2021, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. A person who is required to register as a sex offender under [chapter 692A](#) for a sex offense against a minor who knowingly has control of a minor, or who knowingly has unsupervised access to a minor, commits child endangerment. However, [this subsection](#) does not apply to any of the following:

a. A person who is required to register as a sex offender under [chapter 692A](#) for a sex offense against a minor who knowingly has control of a minor, or who knowingly has unsupervised access to a minor, when the person is the legal parent or guardian of the minor and the control or unsupervised access is not otherwise illegal.

b. A person who is required to register as a sex offender under [chapter 692A](#) for a sex offense against a minor who knowingly has control of a minor, or who knowingly has unsupervised access to a minor, when the person is married to and living with the legal parent or guardian of the minor and the control or unsupervised access is not otherwise illegal.

Sec. 2. [Section 726.6, subsection 6](#), Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

6. A person who commits child endangerment resulting in bodily injury to a child or minor or child endangerment in violation of [subsection 1](#), paragraph “g”, that does not result in a serious injury, or a person who commits child endangerment in violation of [subsection 1A](#), is guilty of a class “D” felony.

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