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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to certain assaults using a choke hold, and  
2 providing a penalty.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 708.2D ASSAULT -- CHOKE HOLD --  
2 PENALTY.

3 A person who commits an assault which is in violation of  
4 section 708.2, subsection 5, by applying a choke hold around  
5 the throat of a person is guilty of a serious misdemeanor.

6 EXPLANATION

7 This bill relates to certain assaults using a choke hold.  
8 The bill reclassifies a simple misdemeanor assault as a  
9 serious misdemeanor if a person applies a choke hold around  
10 the throat of another person.

11 A simple misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no  
12 more than 30 days or a fine of at least \$50 but not more than  
13 \$500 or both. A serious misdemeanor is punishable by  
14 confinement for no more than one year and a fine of at least  
15 \$250 but not more than \$1,500.

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