

## A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO DEFINE AND PUNISH THE CRIME OF DESERTION.

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

SECTION 1. That if any man without good cause abandon or desert his wife and shall refuse or neglect  
2 to maintain and provide for such wife, he shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than  
3 one thousand dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail not more than one year, or by both such fine  
4 and imprisonment. No other evidence shall be required to prove that such husband was married to such  
5 wife than would be necessary to prove such fact in a civil action.