

Substituted for S.F. 420

February 22, 1957.

House File 374

Passed on File.

By CITIES AND TOWNS COMMITTEE.

Passed House, Date *3-19*

Passed Senate, Date *3-25*

Vote: Ayes *103* Nays *0*

Vote: Ayes *41* Nays *0*

Approved *by Gov. April 1, 1957*

A BILL FOR

An Act creating and establishing an urbanized area for cities having a population of fifteen thousand (15,000) or more; defining the limits of said urbanized area; and prohibiting the incorporation of a new municipality within such urbanized area.

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

- 1 Section 1. Section three hundred sixty-two point one
- 2 (362.1), Code 1954, is hereby amended by adding thereto the
- 3 following:
- 4 "All territory within three (3) miles of the corporate
- 5 limits, as the same now exist or may hereafter be established,
- 6 of any city having a population of fifteen thousand (15,000) or
- 7 more is hereby declared to be an urbanized area. Such urbanized
- 8 area, however, shall not extend beyond the limits of any county
- 9 wherein said city is located. No territory within said urbanized
- 10 area shall hereafter be incorporated as a city or town, and the
- 11 district court shall have no jurisdiction to take any action
- 12 upon a petition to incorporate a municipality within said area."

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 374

The substantial population growth in areas surrounding the larger cities in Iowa has created many problems of an urban character for orderly growth and expansion of such cities.

Urban areas are for the most part unincorporated and therefore cannot be supplied with normal municipal services. The incorporation of additional small municipalities around the perimeter of larger cities in an effort to provide some governmental services results only in haphazard, substandard development of the area and produces needless duplication of governmental functions.

To avoid costly physical, economic and governmental stagnation, the larger cities must be provided with proper protection for future growth and development within the urbanized area. The economic, social and physical well-being of the citizens residing both within the city and within the urbanized area depends upon the orderly growth and development of the city and the orderly extension of municipal services into the urbanized area. This bill establishes a buffer area around the larger cities for a distance of three miles from the corporate limits of such cities. It provides a prohibition against the incorporation of cities and towns within said urbanized area in

order that such cities may under the existing annexation laws, provide for the orderly growth and development of such cities when the city is capable of providing substantial municipal services to the citizens residing in said urbanized area.

This bill does not affect in any manner the status of existing cities and towns within the urbanized area.

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- 1 Amend House File 374, section 1, lines seven (7), eight (8),
- 2 and nine (9), by striking the following: "Suck urbanized area,
- 3 however, shall not extend beyond the limits of any county wherein
- 4 said city is located."

Offered and adopted
March 19, 1957

NELSON of Winnebago.