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Passed on File.

**House File 730**  
By COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC  
HEALTH AND PHARMACY.

Passed House, Date..... Passed Senate, Date.....  
Vote: Ayes..... Nays..... Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....  
Approved.....

## A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the term of imprisonment of narcotics violators and to amend section two hundred four point twenty-two (204.22), Code 1958, relating thereto.

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

- 1 Section 1. Section two hundred four point twenty-two
- 2 (204.22), Code 1958, subsection four (4), line four (4), is
- 3 amended by inserting immediately after the word "granted" the
- 4 words "nor shall any reduction in sentence be granted".

### EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 730

The necessity for this bill arises out of the decision of the Polk County District Court rendered March 31, 1959, in the case of Masteller v. Board of Control et al. which holds the existing provisions of section 204.22 (4), Code 1958, do not prevent reduction in sentence of persons convicted of selling narcotics. The purpose of this bill is to make the statute clearly say what it had previously been supposed to say. This is consistent with the recognized public policy that the type of criminal commonly called "dope pusher" is the lowest form of criminal in that he preys on the weakness of others and should be separated from society for the full term of the minimum statutory sentence.

