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**Senate File 206**

By SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE.

Passed Senate, Date *Failed 2-13* Passed House, Date.....

Vote: Ayes *24* Nays *20* *(4)* Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Approved.....

## A BILL FOR

An Act to repeal section two hundred forty-nine point six (249.6), subsection six (6), Code 1958, relating to the requirement that an applicant to be eligible for old age assistance shall not have deserted his wife and children.

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

- 1 Section 1. Section two hundred forty-nine point six
- 2 (249.6), subsection six (6), Code 1958, is hereby repealed.

### EXPLANATION OF SENATE FILE 206

Studies made from all of the applications for old age assistance for a two-year period of time revealed that there had not been one instance when an applicant was found to be ineligible for assistance due to the provisions of section 249.6, subsection 6, Code 1958. If assistance should be denied under circumstances where this subsection is invoked it would generally result that the person's needs be met from general relief funds of the county of residence which does not have the benefit of federal matching funds.

This subsection is punitive and discriminatory in nature and in conflict with the basic principles of public assistance programs.

