

652.2 Scope.

1. As used in [this section](#):

a. “*Goods or services*” does not include the creation, dissemination, exhibition, or advertisement or similar promotion of a dramatic, literary, musical, political, journalistic, or artistic work.

b. “*Governmental unit*” means a public corporation or government or governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality.

2. Except as otherwise provided in [subsection 3](#), [this chapter](#) applies to a cause of action asserted in a civil action against a person based on any of the following of the person:

a. Communication in a legislative, executive, judicial, administrative, or other governmental proceeding.

b. Communication on an issue under consideration or review in a legislative, executive, judicial, administrative, or other governmental proceeding.

c. Exercise of the right of freedom of speech or of the press, the right to assemble or petition, or the right of association, guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the State of Iowa, on a matter of public concern.

3. [This chapter](#) does not apply to any of the following causes of action asserted:

a. Against a governmental unit or an employee or agent of a governmental unit acting or purporting to act in an official capacity.

b. By a governmental unit or an employee or agent of a governmental unit acting in an official capacity to enforce a law to protect against an imminent threat to public health or safety.

c. Against a person primarily engaged in the business of selling or leasing goods or services if the cause of action arises out of a communication related to the person’s sale or lease of the goods or services.

[2025 Acts, ch 93, §2, 13](#)

Referred to in [§652.7](#)

Section applies to a civil action filed on or after July 1, 2025; 2025 Acts, ch 93, §13

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