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April 8, 2004

The Honorable Chester Culver
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
L O C A L

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 2522, an Act relating to evidence in a sexual abuse case.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas J. Vilsack".

Thomas J. Vilsack
Governor

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cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House





HOUSE FILE 2522

AN ACT

RELATING TO EVIDENCE IN A SEXUAL ABUSE CASE.

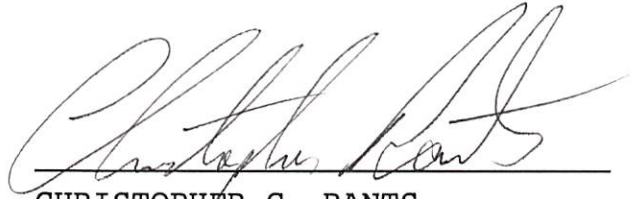
BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 709.10 SEXUAL ABUSE -- EVIDENCE.

1. When an alleged victim of sexual abuse consents to undergo a sexual abuse examination and to having the evidence preserved, a sexual abuse evidence collection kit must be collected and properly stored with the law enforcement agency under whose jurisdiction the offense occurred or with the agency collecting the evidence to ensure that the chain of custody is complete and sufficient.

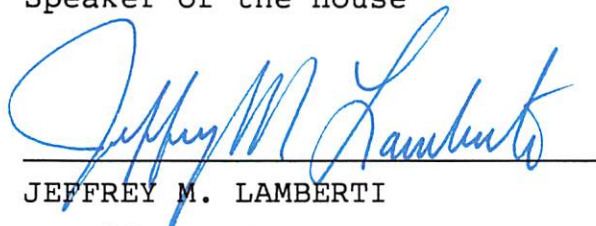
2. If an alleged victim of sexual abuse has not filed a complaint and a sexual abuse evidence collection kit has been completed, the kit must be stored by the law enforcement agency for a minimum of ten years. In addition, if the

alleged victim does not want their name recorded on the sexual abuse collection kit, a case number or other identifying information shall be assigned to the kit in place of the name of the alleged victim.



CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS

Speaker of the House



JEFFREY M. LAMBERTI

President of the Senate

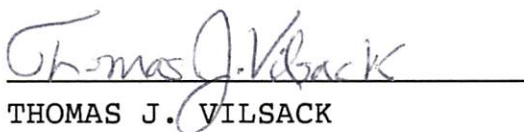
I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2522, Eightieth General Assembly.



MARGARET THOMSON

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved April 8, 2004



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