

THOMAS J. VILSACK GOVERNOR

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April 17, 2006

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 2365, an Act relating to committing disorderly conduct near a funeral, memorial service, funeral procession, or burial, providing penalties, and providing an effective date.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Vilsack

Governor

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cc: Secretary of the Senate Chief Clerk of the House





HOUSE FILE 2365

AN ACT

RELATING TO COMMITTING DISORDERLY CONDUCT NEAR A FUNERAL,
MEMORIAL SERVICE, FUNERAL PROCESSION, OR BURIAL,
PROVIDING PENALTIES, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 723.5 DISORDERLY CONDUCT -- FUNERAL OR MEMORIAL SERVICE.

- 1. A person shall not do any of the following within five hundred feet of the building or other location where a funeral or memorial service is being conducted, or within five hundred feet of a funeral procession or burial:
- a. Make loud and raucous noise which causes unreasonable distress to the persons attending the funeral or memorial service, or participating in the funeral procession.
- b. Direct abusive epithets or make any threatening gesture which the person knows or reasonably should know is likely to provoke a violent reaction by another.
- c. Disturb or disrupt the funeral, memorial service, funeral procession, or burial by conduct intended to disturb or disrupt the funeral, memorial service, funeral procession, or burial.
- 2. This section applies to conduct within sixty minutes preceding, during, and within sixty minutes after a funeral, memorial service, funeral procession, or burial.
- 3. A person who commits a violation of this section commits:
 - a. A simple misdemeanor for a first offense.
 - b. A serious misdemeanor for a second offense.

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c. A class "D" felony for a third or subsequent offense. Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

> 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 2365, Eighty-first General Assembly.

MARGARET THOMSON

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved April 17th, 2006

THOMAS J. VILSACK

Governor