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May 24, 2006

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


Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 2612, an Act providing criminal penalties for the failure of a vessel operator to offer assistance and information at the scene of a collision, accident, or casualty.

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 2612

AN ACT

PROVIDING CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR THE FAILURE OF A VESSEL OPERATOR TO OFFER ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION AT THE SCENE OF A COLLISION, ACCIDENT, OR CASUALTY.

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

Section 1. Section 462A.7, subsection 5, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

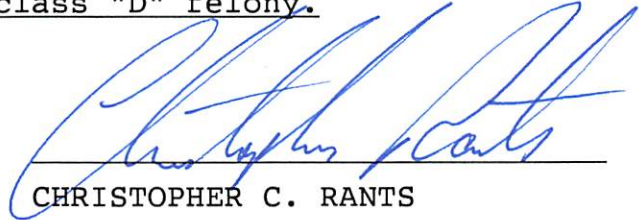
5. Failure of the operator of any vessel involved in a collision, ~~reportable~~ accident, or other casualty, to offer assistance and aid to other persons affected by such collision, accident, or casualty, as set forth in this chapter, ~~shall constitute a serious misdemeanor~~ or to otherwise comply with the requirements of subsection 1, is punishable as follows:

a. In the event of a collision, accident, or other casualty resulting only in property damage, the operator is guilty upon conviction of a simple misdemeanor.

b. In the event of a collision, accident, or other casualty resulting in an injury to a person, the operator is guilty upon conviction of a serious misdemeanor.

c. In the event of a collision, accident, or other casualty resulting in a serious injury to a person, the operator is guilty upon conviction of an aggravated misdemeanor.

d. In the event of a collision, accident, or other casualty resulting in the death of a person, the operator is guilty upon conviction of a class "D" felony.



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 2612, Eighty-first General Assembly.



MARGARET THOMSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 24, 2006



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