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April 27, 2005

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 276, an Act requiring that meetings relating to postsecondary school registration held by the Iowa Coordinating Council for post-high school education be open to the public.

House File 717, an Act prohibiting the unauthorized sale, ownership, possession, or use of traffic signal preemption devices and providing a penalty.

House File 757, an Act relating to the disposition of abandoned vehicles.

House File 771, an Act relating to the timing of a mental competency hearing for a person accused of a criminal offense.

The above House Files are hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Vilsack".

Thomas J. Vilsack
Governor

TJV:jmc

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House





HOUSE FILE 771

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE TIMING OF A MENTAL COMPETENCY HEARING FOR A
PERSON ACCUSED OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

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

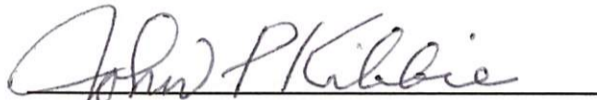
Section 1. Section 812.4, subsection 1, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

1. A hearing shall be held within fourteen days of the filing-of-the-order-for-an-evaluation arrival of the person at a psychiatric facility for the performance of the evaluation, or within five days of the court's motion or the filing of an application, if the defendant has had a psychiatric evaluation within thirty days of the probable cause finding, and upon which the court decides to rely. Pending the hearing, no further proceedings shall be taken under the complaint or indictment and the defendant's right to a speedy indictment

and speedy trial shall be tolled until the court finds the defendant competent to stand trial.

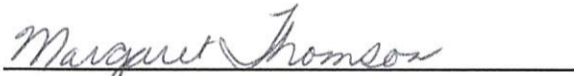


CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS
Speaker of the House



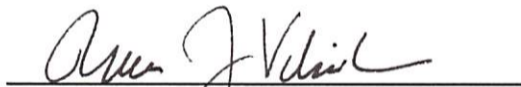
JOHN P. KIBBIE
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 771, Eighty-first General Assembly.



MARGARET THOMSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved April 27, 2005



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Governor