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CHESTER J. CULVER
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May 7, 2008

The Honorable Michael Mauro
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 2628, an Act including a portable device or weapon directing an electric current, impulse, wave, or beam that produces a high-voltage pulse designed to immobilize a person in the definition of a dangerous weapon and making penalties applicable.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chester J. Culver", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chester J. Culver
Governor

CJC:bdj

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House





HOUSE FILE 2628

AN ACT

INCLUDING A PORTABLE DEVICE OR WEAPON DIRECTING AN ELECTRIC CURRENT, IMPULSE, WAVE, OR BEAM THAT PRODUCES A HIGH-VOLTAGE PULSE DESIGNED TO IMMOBILIZE A PERSON IN THE DEFINITION OF A DANGEROUS WEAPON AND MAKING PENALTIES APPLICABLE.


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

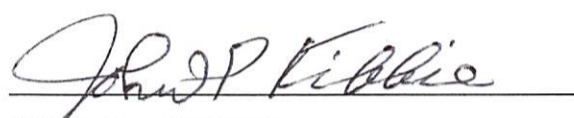
Section 1. Section 702.7, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:

702.7 DANGEROUS WEAPON.


A "dangerous weapon" is any instrument or device designed primarily for use in inflicting death or injury upon a human being or animal, and which is capable of inflicting death upon a human being when used in the manner for which it was designed, except a bow and arrow when possessed and used for hunting or any other lawful purpose. Additionally, any instrument or device of any sort whatsoever which is actually used in such a manner as to indicate that the defendant intends to inflict death or serious injury upon the other, and which, when so used, is capable of inflicting death upon a human being, is a dangerous weapon. Dangerous weapons include, but are not limited to, any offensive weapon, pistol, revolver, or other firearm, dagger, razor, stiletto, switchblade knife, ~~or~~ knife having a blade exceeding five inches in length, or any portable device or weapon directing

an electric current, impulse, wave, or beam that produces a high-voltage pulse designed to immobilize a person.

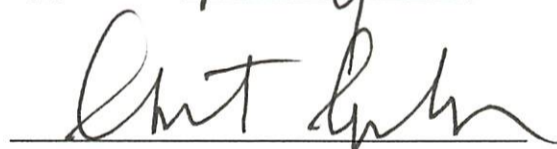

PATRICK J. MURPHY
Speaker of the House


JOHN P. KIBBIE
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2628, Eighty-second General Assembly.


MARK BRANDSGARD
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 7th, 2008


CHESTER J. CULVER
Governor