

CHESTER J. CULVER GOVERNOR PATTY JUDGE LT. GOVERNOR

March 19, 2010

The Honorable Michael Mauro Secretary of State State Capitol Building L O C A L

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 2392, an Act relating to the abuse of a corpse and providing penalties.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

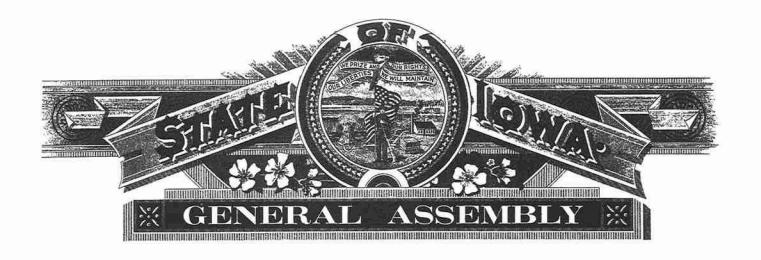
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cc: Secretary of the Senate Chief Clerk of the House





House File 2392

## AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ABUSE OF A CORPSE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES.

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

Section 1. Section 229A.2, subsection 10, paragraph a, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

- a. A violation of any provision of chapter 709, except section 709.18, subsection 2 or 3.
- Sec. 2. Section 692A.102, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code Supplement 2009, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

<u>NEW SUBPARAGRAPH</u>. (130) Sexual abuse of a corpse in violation of section 709.18.

- Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 708.14 Abuse of a corpse.
- 1. A person commits abuse of a human corpse if the person does any of the following:
- a. Mutilates, disfigures, or dismembers a human corpse with the intent to conceal a crime.
- b. Hides or buries a human corpse with the intent to conceal a crime.
- A person who violates this section commits a class "D" felony.
- Sec. 4. Section 709.18, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

## 709.18 Abuse Sexual abuse of a corpse.

- 1. A person commits  $\underline{\text{sexual}}$  abuse of a human corpse if the person knowingly and intentionally engages in a sex act, as defined in section 702.17, with a human corpse.
- 2. A person commits abuse of a human corpse if the person mutilates, disfigures, or dismembers a human corpse with the intent to conceal a crime.

3. A person commits abuse of a human corpse if the person hides or buries a human corpse with the intent to conceal a crime.

 $\underline{\textbf{4.}}\ \underline{\textbf{2.}}\ \textbf{A}$  person who violates this section commits a class "D" felony.

PATRICK J. MURTHY

Speaker of the House

JOWN P. KIBBIE

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2392, Eighty-third General Assembly.

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MARK BRANDSGARD
Chief Clerk of the House

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