



CHESTER J. CULVER
GOVERNOR

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LT. GOVERNOR

May 18, 2009

The Honorable Michael Mauro
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
LOCAL

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 676, an Act modifying provisions relating to a final hearing in a civil commitment proceeding for a sexually violent predator.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chester J. Culver".

Chester J. Culver
Governor

CJC:bdj

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House





HOUSE FILE 676

AN ACT

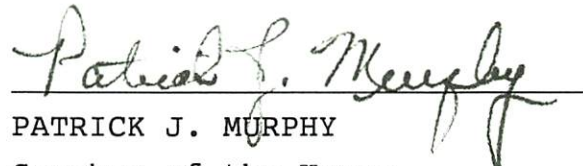
MODIFYING PROVISIONS RELATING TO A FINAL HEARING IN A CIVIL
COMMITMENT PROCEEDING FOR A SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR.


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

Section 1. Section 229A.8, subsection 5, paragraph e,
unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2009, is amended to read as
follows:

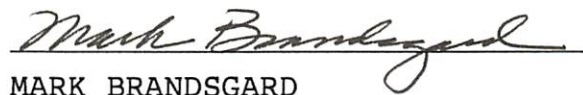
~~The burden is on the committed person to show by a
preponderance of the evidence that there is competent evidence
which would lead a reasonable person to believe a final
hearing should be held to determine either of the following~~
The court shall consider all evidence presented by both
parties at the annual review. The burden is on the committed
person to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that there
is relevant and reliable evidence to rebut the presumption of
continued commitment, which would lead a reasonable person to

believe a final hearing should be held to determine either of the following:

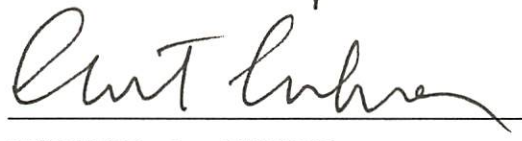

PATRICK J. MURPHY
Speaker of the House


JOHN P. KIBBIE
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 676, Eighty-third General Assembly.


MARK BRANDSGARD
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 18th, 2009


CHESTER J. CULVER
Governor