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June 29, 2020

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The Honorable Paul Pate
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby transmit:

House File 2554, an Act relating to the offense of continuous sexual abuse of a child and providing penalties.

The above House File is hereby approved on this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Reynolds".

Kim Reynolds
Governor of Iowa

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House



House File 2554

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF CONTINUOUS SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD
AND PROVIDING PENALTIES.

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

Section 1. Section 692A.101, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2020, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:
NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (9) Continuous sexual abuse of a child in violation of section 709.23.

Sec. 2. Section 692A.101, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code 2020, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:
NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (4) Continuous sexual abuse of a child in violation of section 709.23.

Sec. 3. Section 692A.102, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code 2020, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:
NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (013) Continuous sexual abuse of a child in violation of section 709.23.

Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 709.23 Continuous sexual abuse of a child.

1. A person eighteen years of age or older commits continuous sexual abuse of a child when the person engages in any combination of three or more acts of sexual abuse in violation of section 709.3 or 709.4, with the same child, and at least thirty days have elapsed between the first and last acts of sexual abuse.

2. A person who commits continuous sexual abuse of a child is, upon conviction, guilty of a class "B" felony. Notwithstanding section 902.9, subsection 1, paragraph "b", a person convicted of a violation of this subsection involving any combination of three or more acts of sexual abuse that includes a violation of section 709.3 or 709.4 shall be confined for no more than fifty years.

3. If a jury is the trier of fact, members of the jury must unanimously agree that three or more acts of sexual abuse in violation of section 709.3 or 709.4 were committed with the same child and at least thirty days have elapsed between the first and last acts of sexual abuse. The jury does not need to unanimously agree which specific acts were committed or the exact date when those acts were committed.

4. Any other sexual abuse offense involving the same child shall not be charged in the same proceeding as a charge under this section unless the other sexual abuse offense occurred outside of the time period charged under this section or the other sexual abuse offense is charged in the alternative.

5. A person shall be charged with only one count under this section unless more than one child is involved in the offense. If more than one child is involved, a separate count may be charged for each child.

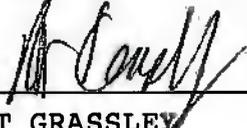
6. Each act of sexual abuse committed under section 709.3 or 709.4 shall be considered a lesser included offense to the crime of continuous sexual abuse of a child under this section.

Sec. 5. Section 902.14, subsection 1, Code 2020, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. d. Continuous sexual abuse of a child in violation of section 709.23.

Sec. 6. Section 903B.10, subsection 3, Code 2020, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. *j.* Continuous sexual abuse of a child in violation of section 709.23.

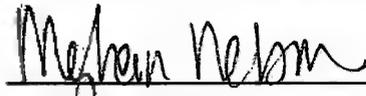


PAT GRASSLEY
Speaker of the House



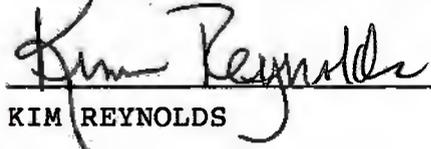
CHARLES SCHNEIDER
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2554, Eighty-eighth General Assembly.



MEGHAN NELSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved June 29th, 2020



KIM REYNOLDS
Governor