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## **OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Adam Gregg lt governor

April 30, 2021

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

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby transmit:

House File 710, an Act relating to child endangerment committed by a sex offender, and providing penalties.

The above House File is hereby approved on this date.

Sincerely,

Governor of Iowa

cc: Secretary of the Senate Clerk of the House



House File 710

## AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILD ENDANGERMENT COMMITTED BY A SEX OFFENDER, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES.

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

Section 1. Section 726.6, Code 2021, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

<u>NEW SUBSECTION</u>. 1A. A person who is required to register as a sex offender under chapter 692A for a sex offense against a minor who knowingly has control of a minor, or who knowingly has unsupervised access to a minor, commits child endangerment. However, this subsection does not apply to any of the following:

a. A person who is required to register as a sex offender under chapter 692A for a sex offense against a minor who knowingly has control of a minor, or who knowingly has unsupervised access to a minor, when the person is the legal parent or guardian of the minor and the control or unsupervised access is not otherwise illegal.

b. A person who is required to register as a sex offender under chapter 692A for a sex offense against a minor who knowingly has control of a minor, or who knowingly has unsupervised access to a minor, when the person is married to and living with the legal parent or guardian of the minor and the control or unsupervised access is not otherwise illegal.

Sec. 2. Section 726.6, subsection 6, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

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6. A person who commits child endangerment resulting in bodily injury to a child or minor or child endangerment in violation of subsection 1, paragraph "g", that does not result in a serious injury, or a person who commits child endangerment in violation of subsection 1A, is guilty of a class "D" felony.

PAT GRASSLEY

Speaker of the House

JAKE CHAPMAN President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 710, Eighty-ninth General Assembly.

MEGHAN NELSON Chief Clerk of the House

Governor

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