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June 02, 2026

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

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby transmit:

House File 2542, an Act relating to habitual offenders, and providing penalties.

The above House File is hereby approved on this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Reynolds".

Kim Reynolds
Governor of Iowa

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House



House File 2542

AN ACT
RELATING TO HABITUAL OFFENDERS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES.

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

Section 1. Section 902.8, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

902.8 Minimum sentence — habitual offender.

~~An~~ A habitual offender is any person convicted of a class "C" or a class "D" felony, who has twice before been convicted of any felony in a court of this or any other state, or of the United States. An offense is a felony if, by the law under which the person is convicted, it is so classified at the time of the person's conviction. A person convicted of a third qualifying felony shall be sentenced as a habitual offender and shall serve a minimum of seven years of the sentence imposed by law. A person sentenced as ~~an~~ a habitual offender shall not be eligible for parole until the person has served the minimum sentence of confinement of ~~three~~ seven years. Earned time accrued pursuant to chapter 903A shall not reduce the minimum sentence of confinement of seven years.

Sec. 2. Section 902.9, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

c. ~~An~~ A habitual offender shall be confined for no more than ~~fifteen~~ twenty years.

Sec. 3. Section 907.2, Code 2026, is amended by adding the following new subsection:


NEW SUBSECTION. 3. Probation officers shall report probation violations to the proper authorities.

Sec. 4. Section 907.3, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code 2026, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

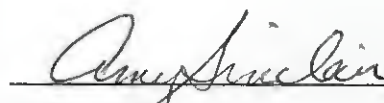
NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (10) An offense qualifying the defendant as a habitual offender under section 902.8.

Sec. 5. Section 907.3, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. i. A sentence imposed pursuant to section 902.8.




PAT GRASSLEY
Speaker of the House



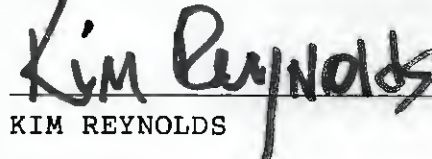
AMY SINCLAIR
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2542, Ninety-first General Assembly.



MEGHAN NELSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved June 2nd, 2026



KIM REYNOLDS
Governor