



STATE OF IOWA
KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR

May 6, 2025

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 roofs on private docks and required insurance.

The above House File is hereby approved on this date.

Sincerely,

Kim Reynolds
Governor of Iowa

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House



House File 710

AN ACT

RELATING TO ROOFS ON PRIVATE DOCKS AND REQUIRED INSURANCE.

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

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 462A.27B Dock structures — insurance.

1. A person with a valid class I or class III dock permit, as provided in 571 IAC ch. 16, may construct a roof to protect a hoist or slip if all of the following apply:

- a. The roof is constructed with rust-resistant materials.
- b. The roof is no more than thirty feet wide.
- c. The roof is no more than twenty feet above the normal water elevation surrounding the dock.
- d. The roof is built above the boat slip or hoist.
- e. The roof is not used for sleeping purposes or habitation by a person.

2. To install a roof on a private dock pursuant to subsection 1, a person must maintain dock liability insurance with minimum per occurrence coverage of at least one million dollars. The owner of the private dock shall be liable for any damages caused by the roof constructed on the private dock.

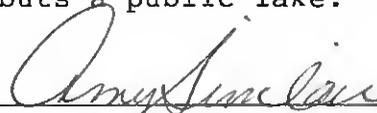
3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, an association may establish additional restrictions and requirements in the association's rules and regulations regarding the construction of a roof on a private dock. Restrictions and requirements adopted pursuant to the authority granted to an association under this subsection shall only

apply to the association's members and the association's members' guests.

4. For purposes of this section, "association" means a nonprofit corporation incorporated under chapter 504, named as an association, that manages a community that is located on a subdivision that is adjacent to or abuts a public lake.

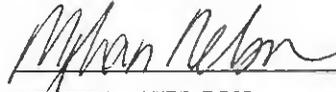


PAT GRASSLEY
Speaker of the House



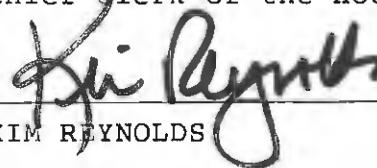
AMY SINCLAIR
President of the Senate

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



MEGHAN NELSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 6th, 2025



KIM REYNOLDS
Governor