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Vote: Ayes 15 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 4 Nays 0  
Approved April 14, 1988 (p. 1704)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to an action for slander or libel for a report or  
2 statement made to the division of job service of the  
3 department of employment services.

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

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3 follows:

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5 by a person to the division or to a person administering this  
6 law is a privileged communication. A person is not liable for  
7 slander or libel on account of ~~such-a~~ the report or statement  
8 unless the report or statement is made with malice.

9 EXPLANATION

10 This bill qualifies language under Iowa's unemployment  
11 compensation law which creates an absolute privilege [see  
12 Haldeman v. Total Petroleum Inc., 376 N.W. 2d 98(1985)]  
13 against an action for slander or libel with regard to a report  
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15 of the department of employment services.

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DONALD D. AVENSON  
Speaker of the House

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JO ANN ZIMMERMAN  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and  
is known as House File 2247, Seventy-second General Assembly.

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JOSEPH O'HERN  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved April 14, 1988

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TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
Governor

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