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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the competency of a witness by amending the
2 Iowa rules of evidence.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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2 edition, is amended by striking the rule and inserting in lieu
3 thereof the following:

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5 provided by statute or rule, every person is competent to be a
6 witness.

7 EXPLANATION

8 This bill strikes rule 601 of the Iowa rules of evidence
9 relating to competency and provides that unless a statute or
10 rule provides otherwise, every person is competent to be a
11 witness. This bill would conform the Iowa rule to the
12 corresponding federal rule.

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JO ANN ZIMMERMAN
President of the Senate

DONALD D. AVENSON
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 2173, Seventy-third General Assembly.

JOHN F. DWYER
Secretary of the Senate

Approved March 19, 1990

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
Governor

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