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HOUSE FILE 2433
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act expanding the criminal code definition of serious injury
2 to include certain injuries to children.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 702.18, Code 1997, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 702.18 SERIOUS INJURY.

4 1. "Serious injury" means disabling any of the following:

5 a. Disabling mental illness, ~~or~~ bodily.

6 b. Bodily injury which ~~creates~~ does any of the following:

7 (1) Creates a substantial risk of death ~~or~~ which causes.

8 (2) Causes serious permanent disfigurement, ~~or~~

9 (3) Causes protracted loss or impairment of the function of
10 any bodily member or organ, ~~and~~

11 c. Any injury to a child that requires surgical repair and
12 necessitates the administration of general anesthesia.

13 2. "Serious injury" includes but is not limited to skull
14 fractures, rib fractures, and metaphyseal fractures of the
15 long bones of children under the age of four years.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill amends the definition of "serious injury" in the
18 criminal code. Any injury to a child that requires surgical
19 repair using a general anesthetic is now defined as a serious
20 injury.

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