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A BILL FOR

1 An Act to consider the use of less lethal munitions by peace
2 officers not a use of deadly force.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 704.2, subsections 3 and 4, Code 1997,
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 3. The discharge of a firearm, other than a firearm loaded
4 with less lethal munitions and discharged by a peace officer
5 in the line of duty, in the direction of some person with the
6 knowledge of the person's presence there, even though no
7 intent to inflict serious physical injury can be shown.

8 4. The discharge of a firearm, other than a firearm loaded
9 with less lethal munitions and discharged by a peace officer
10 in the line of duty, at a vehicle in which a person is known
11 to be.

12 Sec. 2. Section 704.2, Code 1997, is amended by adding the
13 following new unnumbered paragraph:

14 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. As used in this section, "less
15 lethal munitions" means projectiles which are designed to
16 stun, temporarily incapacitate, or cause temporary discomfort
17 to a person without penetrating the person's body.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill provides that the use of less lethal munitions by
20 peace officers in the line of duty is not deadly force. The
21 bill defines less lethal munitions as projectiles which are
22 designed to stun, temporarily incapacitate, or cause temporary
23 discomfort without penetrating the body.

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