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A BILL FOR

1 An Act limiting the liability of a municipality for an act or
2 omission relating to cleanup of abandoned property or of a
3 parcel of land purchased at a tax sale.

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

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HF 406

1 Section 1. Section 670.4, Code 1997, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 14. A claim based upon an act or omission
4 by an officer or employee of the municipality in connection
5 with abatement of a public nuisance, cleanup work, or the
6 maintenance of grounds of an abandoned building, as defined by
7 section 657A.1, of abandoned property located in the county
8 that has remained vacant for six consecutive months, or of a
9 parcel of land purchased by a municipality at a tax sale,
10 pursuant to section 446.19.

11 EXPLANATION

12 This bill exempts a municipality from liability for an act
13 or omission by an officer or employee of the municipality in
14 connection with abatement of a public nuisance, cleanup work,
15 or maintenance of grounds of an abandoned building, of
16 abandoned property located in the county that has remained
17 vacant for six consecutive months, or of a parcel of land
18 purchased by a municipality at a tax sale. A municipality
19 means a city, county, township, school district, or any other
20 unit of local government except soil and water conservation
21 districts.

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