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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to law enforcement activities directed at the
2 manufacturing and distribution of methamphetamine, making
3 related appropriations to various state agencies, and
4 increasing penalties relating to the illegal use of anhydrous
5 ammonia.

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

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1 Section 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of
2 the state to the department of public safety, for the fiscal
3 year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000, the
4 following amount, or so much as is necessary, to be used for
5 the purposes designated:

6 1. For the hiring of twelve peace officers who will focus
7 primarily on investigating methamphetamine manufacturing or
8 distribution:

9 \$ 1,200,000

10 2. For the purchase of two mobile drug vans to be used by
11 the division of criminal investigations for methamphetamine
12 and other law enforcement functions, with one mobile van to be
13 located primarily in northern Iowa and the other located
14 primarily in southern Iowa:

15 \$ 60,000

16 3. For the establishment of three additional drug canine
17 units:

18 \$ 33,000

19 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
20 state to the governor's alliance on substance abuse, for the
21 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000,
22 the following amount, or so much as is necessary, to be used
23 for the purpose designated:

24 For the establishment of a statewide outdoor advertising
25 campaign that would publicize mandatory prison sentences for
26 drug traffickers:

27 \$ 50,000

28 Sec. 3. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
29 state to the department of justice, for the fiscal year
30 beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000, the
31 following amount, or so much as is necessary, to be used for
32 the purpose designated:

33 For the hiring of ten additional area prosecutors to focus
34 primarily on the prosecution of offenders throughout the state
35 who manufacture or distribute methamphetamine:

1 \$ 500,000

2 | Sec. 4. Section 200.18, subsection 2, unnumbered paragraph
3 1, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

4 | A person violating this chapter or rules adopted by the
5 secretary pursuant to this chapter shall be guilty of a simple
6 serious misdemeanor. In addition to the imposition of the
7 simple serious misdemeanor penalty, a person violating section
8 200.14 shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than
9 one thousand five hundred dollars, if the person does any of
10 the following:

11 | EXPLANATION

12 | This bill makes appropriations from the general fund of the
13 state to the department of public safety to fund various
14 methamphetamine-related law enforcement activities. The
15 appropriations include funding for 12 additional peace
16 officers, three canine units, and two mobile drug vans.

17 | The bill makes appropriations from the general fund of the
18 state to the governor's alliance on substance abuse to fund an
19 outdoor advertising campaign that would publicize mandatory
20 prison sentences for distribution of drugs in Iowa.

21 | The bill makes appropriations from the general fund of the
22 state to the department of justice for the hiring of 10
23 additional prosecutors to help local authorities with
24 prosecutions against persons who manufacture or distribute
25 methamphetamine.

26 | The bill increases the penalty applicable to tampering with
27 anhydrous ammonia equipment and illegal possession of
28 anhydrous ammonia from a simple misdemeanor to a serious
29 misdemeanor. A simple misdemeanor is punishable by
30 imprisonment not to exceed 30 days or a fine of at least \$50
31 but not more than \$100. A serious misdemeanor is punishable
32 by imprisonment not to exceed one year and a fine of at least
33 \$250 but not more than \$1,500.

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