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A BILL FOR

1 An Act to change the penalty applicable to unlawful possession of
2 methamphetamine.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 124.401, subsection 5, Code 1999, is
2 amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph
3 before unnumbered paragraph 3:

4 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. If a violation of this
5 subsection involves possession of methamphetamine, its salts,
6 isomers, or salts of its isomers, the person commits a class
7 "D" felony for a first, second, or subsequent offense.

8 EXPLANATION

9 This bill changes the penalty applicable to a first-time or
10 second-time offender convicted of possession of
11 methamphetamine from a serious or aggravated misdemeanor to a
12 class "D" felony.

13 A serious misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no
14 more than one year and a fine of at least \$250 but not more
15 than \$1,500. An aggravated misdemeanor is punishable by
16 confinement for no more than two years and a fine of at least
17 \$500 but not more than \$7,500.

18 A class "D" felony is punishable by confinement for no more
19 than five years and a fine of at least \$500 but not more than
20 \$7,500.

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