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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to domestic abuse between persons in a dating
2 relationship and providing penalties.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 236.2, subsection 2, Code 1999, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. e. The assault is between persons who are
4 or have been in a dating relationship. For purposes of this
5 chapter, a dating relationship is one in which the parties are
6 romantically involved, whether or not such relationship is
7 ever consummated sexually.

8 EXPLANATION

9 This bill amends the definition of "domestic abuse" under
10 Code chapter 236 to include an assault between persons who are
11 or have been in a dating relationship. The bill also defines
12 "dating relationship".

13 The bill also affects the definition of domestic abuse
14 assault under Code section 708.2A. Penalties for domestic
15 abuse assault vary according to a first, second, or third or
16 subsequent assault, and vary according to the type of injury
17 inflicted, from a simple misdemeanor to a class "D" felony. A
18 simple misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more
19 than 30 days or a fine of at least \$50 but not more than \$500
20 or by both. A class "D" felony is punishable by confinement
21 for no more than five years and a fine of at least \$750 but
22 not more than \$7,500.

23 In addition the bill affects other provisions in the Code
24 such as mandatory arrests and insurance discrimination that
25 reference the definition of domestic abuse in Code chapter
26 236.

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