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HOUSE FILE

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BY ARNOLD and TEIG

Passed House, Date _____ Passed Senate, Date _____

Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____ Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating the criminal offense of theft of a dog and
2 providing a penalty.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 714.7B DOG THEFT.

2 A person commits a serious misdemeanor if the person takes
3 possession or control of a dog with the intention to deprive
4 the dog's owner of the possession or control of the dog and if
5 the person does not have the right or authority to destroy or
6 kill the dog.

7 EXPLANATION

8 This bill creates the new criminal offense of theft of a
9 dog. If a person takes possession of a dog without the
10 consent of the dog's owner, and intends to deprive the owner
11 of the possession or control of the dog, the person commits a
12 serious misdemeanor. However, a person does not commit theft
13 of a dog if the dog is killed while attacking a person or
14 another animal, or the dog is humanely destroyed pursuant to
15 Code section 351.37 or 351.39, or the person has the right or
16 authority to destroy the dog.

17 A serious misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no
18 more than one year and a fine of at least \$250 but not more
19 than \$1,500.

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