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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the characteristics of a victim of a hate
2 crime and making a penalty applicable.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 729A.2, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code
2 2005, is amended to read as follows:

3 "Hate crime" means one of the following public offenses
4 when committed against a person or a person's property because
5 of the person's actual or perceived race, color, religion,
6 ancestry, national origin, political affiliation, sex, sexual
7 orientation, age, or disability, or the person's association
8 with a person of a certain actual or perceived race, color,
9 religion, ancestry, national origin, political affiliation,
10 sex, sexual orientation, age, or disability:

11 EXPLANATION

12 This bill amends the definition of "hate crime" to include
13 an assault, individual rights violation, criminal mischief, or
14 trespass committed against a person or a person's property
15 because of the offender's bias against a person's actual or
16 perceived race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin,
17 political affiliation, sex, sexual orientation, age, or
18 disability.

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