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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to abuse of a human corpse, and providing
2 penalties.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 Section 1. Section 709.18, Code 2005, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 709.18 ABUSE OF A CORPSE.

4 1. A person commits abuse of a human corpse if the person
5 knowingly and intentionally engages in a sex act, as defined
6 in section 702.17, with a human corpse. ~~Abuse-of-a-human~~
7 ~~corpse-is-a-class-"D"-felony.~~

8 2. A person commits abuse of a human corpse if the person
9 mutilates, disfigures, or dismembers a human corpse with the
10 intent to conceal a crime.

11 3. A person commits abuse of a human corpse if the person
12 hides or buries a human corpse with the intent to conceal a
13 crime.

14 4. A person who violates this section commits a class "D"
15 felony.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill relates to abuse of a human corpse.

18 The bill provides that a person shall not mutilate,
19 disfigure, dismember, hide, or bury a human corpse with the
20 intent to conceal a crime. A person who violates the bill
21 commits a class "D" felony.

22 A class "D" felony is punishable by confinement for no more
23 than five years and a fine of at least \$750 but not more than
24 \$7,500.

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