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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the time period used to enhance a domestic  
2 abuse assault charge.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 708.2A, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code  
2 2005, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. A conviction for, deferred judgment for, or plea of  
4 guilty to, a violation of this section which occurred ~~more~~  
5 ~~than-six-years~~ prior to the date of the violation charged  
6 shall ~~not~~ be considered in determining that the violation  
7 charged is a second or subsequent offense.

8 EXPLANATION

9 This bill relates to the time period used to enhance a  
10 domestic abuse assault charge.

11 The bill provides that a conviction for, deferred judgment  
12 for, or plea of guilty to a domestic abuse assault which  
13 occurred prior to the current charge of domestic abuse assault  
14 shall be considered in determining whether the current  
15 violation is classified as a second or subsequent offense.  
16 Current law limits the time period used to enhance a domestic  
17 abuse assault charge to a six-year period.

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