

# House File 2467 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the holding of a parent in contempt regarding  
2 the denial of child visitation and making a penalty  
3 applicable.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
5 TLSB 5548HH 82  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 598.23, subsection 1, Code Supplement  
1 2 2007, is amended to read as follows:  
1 3 1. If a person against whom a temporary order or final  
1 4 decree has been entered willfully disobeys the order or  
1 5 decree, the person may be cited and punished by the court for  
1 6 contempt and be committed to the county jail for a period of  
1 7 time not to exceed thirty days for each offense. The court  
1 8 may find that a person willfully disobeyed the order or decree  
1 9 and hold the person in contempt if the person is found to have  
1 10 unilaterally decided to deny visitation, as prescribed by the  
1 11 order or decree, in response to a non=life=threatening  
1 12 emergency.

### EXPLANATION

1 13  
1 14 This bill provides that one basis for a finding of contempt  
1 15 under the dissolution of marriage and domestic relations Code  
1 16 chapter is that a person willfully disobeyed an order or  
1 17 decree by unilaterally deciding to deny visitation, as  
1 18 prescribed by the order or decree, in response to a  
1 19 non=life=threatening emergency. The punishment for contempt  
1 20 is commitment to the county jail for a period not to exceed 30  
1 21 days for each offense, or an alternative penalty specified in  
1 22 the section.  
1 23 LSB 5548HH 82  
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