

House Study Bill 645 - Introduced

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____
BY (RECOMMENDED BY
THE CRIMINAL CODE
REORGANIZATION STUDY
COMMITTEE BILL)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the definition
of serious injury for purposes
2 of criminal offenses.

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

1 Section 1. Section 235B.2, subsection 13, Code Supplement
2 2009, is amended to read as follows:

3 13. "*Serious injury*" means ~~a disabling mental illness, or~~
4 ~~a bodily injury which creates a substantial risk of death or~~
5 ~~which causes serious permanent disfigurement, or protracted~~
6 ~~loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or~~
7 ~~organ the same as defined in section 702.18.~~

8 Sec. 2. Section 321J.1, subsection 9, Code 2009, is amended
9 to read as follows:

10 9. "*Serious injury*" means ~~a bodily injury which creates a~~
11 ~~substantial risk of death, or which causes serious permanent~~
12 ~~disfigurement, or which causes protracted loss or impairment~~
13 ~~of the function of any bodily organ or major bodily member, or~~
14 ~~which causes the loss of any bodily member~~ the same as defined
15 in section 702.18.

16 Sec. 3. Section 462A.2, subsection 36, Code 2009, is amended
17 to read as follows:

18 36. "*Serious injury*" means ~~a bodily injury which creates a~~
19 ~~substantial risk of death, or which causes serious permanent~~
20 ~~disfigurement, or which causes protracted loss or impairment~~
21 ~~of the function of any bodily organ or major bodily member, or~~
22 ~~which causes the loss of any bodily member~~ the same as defined
23 in section 702.18.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill relates to the definition of "serious injury".

26 The bill modifies the definition of "serious injury" in
27 Code chapters 235B (dependent adult abuse), 321J (operating
28 while intoxicated), and 462A (water navigation regulations).
29 The bill, by modifying the definitions of "serious injury" in
30 the affected Code chapters, makes the definition of "serious
31 injury" consistent with the definition of "serious injury" in
32 Code section 702.18, applicable to the Iowa criminal code.