

Senate Study Bill 3085 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON RAGAN)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the practice of chronic interventional pain
2 medicine and providing a penalty.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 148F.1 Definitions.

2 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
3 requires:

4 1. "*Chronic interventional pain medicine*" means the diagnosis
5 and treatment of pain-related disorders primarily with the
6 application of interventional techniques in managing subacute,
7 chronic, persistent, and intractable pain.

8 2. "*Fluoroscope*" means a radiologic instrument equipped with
9 a fluorescent screen on which opaque internal structures can
10 be viewed as moving shadow images formed by the differential
11 transmission of X rays throughout the body.

12 3. "*Interventional techniques*" means percutaneous needle
13 placement through which drugs are then placed in targeted
14 areas, nerves are ablated, or certain surgical procedures
15 involving injection of steroids, analgesics, or anesthetics are
16 performed. "*Interventional techniques*" include the following:

17 a. Lumbar, thoracic, and cervical spine injections,
18 intra-articular injection, intrathecal injections, and epidural
19 injections, both interlaminar and transforaminal.

20 b. Facet injections.

21 c. Discography.

22 d. Nerve destruction.

23 e. Occipital nerve blocks.

24 f. Cervical, thoracic, or lumbar sympathetic blocks.

25 g. Intradiscal electrothermal therapy.

26 h. Spinal cord stimulation or peripheral nerve stimulation.

27 i. Intrathecal pump placement.

28 j. Ablation of targeted nerves.

29 k. Vertebroplasty.

30 l. Kyphoplasty.

31 m. Utilization of fluoroscopy, computerized tomography,
32 or ultrasound to assess the cause or location of a patient's
33 chronic pain or as a means of accurately directing needles,
34 catheters, or electrodes as part of a therapeutic modality for
35 chronic pain treatment.

