

House Study Bill 636 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON BAUDLER)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act imposing a duty of reasonable assistance on a person
2 present at the scene of an emergency or accident and
3 providing a penalty.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 727.12 Duty to assist — emergency
2 or accident.

3 A person who is present at the scene of an emergency
4 or accident who knows that another person involved in the
5 emergency or accident is likely to suffer or has suffered
6 serious physical injury shall, to the extent that the person
7 can do so without danger to self or others, give reasonable
8 assistance to the person. Reasonable assistance may include
9 obtaining or attempting to obtain aid from law enforcement
10 or medical personnel. A person who violates this section is
11 guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor.

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EXPLANATION

13 This bill imposes a duty on a person who is present at the
14 scene of an emergency or accident who knows that another person
15 involved in the emergency or accident is likely to suffer or
16 has suffered serious physical injury shall, to the extent that
17 the person can do so without danger to self or others, give
18 reasonable assistance to the person. Reasonable assistance
19 may include obtaining or attempting to obtain aid from law
20 enforcement or medical personnel. A person who violates the
21 bill is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor, punishable by
22 confinement for no more than two years and a fine of at least
23 \$625 but not more than \$6,250.