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A BILL FOR

1 An Act limiting certain campaign contributions by labor unions
2 and providing for a penalty.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 68A.503, subsections 1, 2, and 3, Code
2 2011, are amended to read as follows:

3 1. Except as provided in subsections 3, 4, 5, and 6, an
4 insurance company, savings and loan association, bank, credit
5 union, labor union, or corporation shall not make a monetary or
6 in-kind contribution to a candidate or committee except for a
7 ballot issue committee.

8 2. Except as provided in subsection 3, a candidate or
9 committee, except for a ballot issue committee, shall not
10 receive a monetary or in-kind contribution from an insurance
11 company, savings and loan association, bank, credit union,
12 labor union, or corporation.

13 3. An insurance company, savings and loan association,
14 bank, credit union, labor union, or corporation may use money,
15 property, labor, or any other thing of value of the entity for
16 the purposes of soliciting its stockholders, administrative
17 officers, professional employees, and members for contributions
18 to a political committee sponsored by that entity and for
19 financing the administration of a political committee sponsored
20 by that entity. The entity's employees to whom the foregoing
21 authority does not extend may voluntarily contribute to
22 such a political committee but shall not be solicited for
23 contributions. A candidate or committee may solicit, request,
24 and receive money, property, labor, and any other thing of
25 value from a political committee sponsored by an insurance
26 company, savings and loan association, bank, credit union,
27 labor union, or corporation as permitted by this subsection.

28 Sec. 2. Section 68A.503, subsection 4, unnumbered paragraph
29 1, Code 2011, is amended to read as follows:

30 The prohibitions in subsections 1 and 2 shall not apply
31 to an insurance company, savings and loan association, bank,
32 credit union, labor union, or corporation engaged in any of the
33 following activities:

34 EXPLANATION

35 This bill provides that a labor union shall not make a

1 monetary or in-kind contribution to a candidate or committee
2 except for a ballot issue committee. The prohibition in the
3 bill does not apply to independent expenditures.

4 As provided in Code section 68A.701, a willful violation of
5 any provision of the campaign finance Code chapter is a serious
6 misdemeanor punishable by confinement for up to one year and
7 a fine of at least \$315 but not more than \$1,875. A variety
8 of civil remedies are also available in Code section 68B.32D
9 for a violation of Code chapter 68A or rules of the ethics and
10 campaign disclosure board, ranging from a reprimand to a civil
11 penalty of not more than \$2,000.