

**House File 181 - Introduced**

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BY HEARTSILL

**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act increasing the penalty for invasion of privacy.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 709.21, subsection 3, Code 2015, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. A person who violates this section commits ~~a serious~~ an  
4 aggravated misdemeanor.

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EXPLANATION

6 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
7 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

8 This bill increases the penalty for the crime of invasion of  
9 privacy.

10 Under Code section 709.21, a person commits invasion of  
11 privacy if the person knowingly views, photographs, or films  
12 another person for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the  
13 sexual desire of any person, and the other person does not have  
14 knowledge about and does not consent or is unable to consent to  
15 being viewed, photographed, or filmed, is in a state of full  
16 or partial nudity, and has a reasonable expectation of privacy  
17 while in a state of full or partial nudity.

18 Under current law, a person who commits invasion of privacy  
19 commits a serious misdemeanor. Under Code section 903.1, a  
20 person who commits a serious misdemeanor shall be fined between  
21 \$315 and \$1,625 and may be imprisoned for a period to exceed  
22 one year.

23 The bill amends current law to provide that a person who  
24 commits invasion of privacy commits an aggravated misdemeanor.  
25 Under Code section 903.1, a person who commits an aggravated  
26 misdemeanor shall be fined between \$625 and \$6,250 and shall be  
27 imprisoned for a period not to exceed two years.