

**House File 547 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 27)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the criminal offense of interference with  
2 official acts, and providing penalties.

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

1 Section 1. Section 719.1, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code  
2 2015, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. A person under the custody, control, or supervision of  
4 the department of corrections, a county jail, or a municipal  
5 holding facility, commits interference with official acts when  
6 the person knowingly resists, obstructs, or interferes with a  
7 correctional officer, jailer, agent, employee, or contractor,  
8 whether paid or volunteer, in the performance of the person's  
9 official duties.

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EXPLANATION

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

13 This bill relates to interference with official acts.

14 Under the bill, a person under the custody, control, or  
15 supervision of a county jail or municipal holding facility who  
16 knowingly resists, obstructs, or interferes with a jailer,  
17 agent, employee, or contractor in the performance of the  
18 official duties of the jailer, agent, employee, or contractor  
19 commits interference with official acts.

20 The criminal offense for the commission of interference  
21 with official acts pursuant to the bill ranges from a serious  
22 misdemeanor through a class "C" felony depending upon the facts  
23 of the offense under Code section 719.1(2).

24 A person who assaults a jailer may also be punished pursuant  
25 to the existing provisions of Code section 708.3A.