

**Senate File 2093 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2007)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to class "A" felonies and life sentences.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 902.1, subsection 1, Code 2020, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. Upon a plea of guilty, a verdict of guilty, or a special  
4 verdict upon which a judgment of conviction of a class "A"  
5 felony may be rendered, the court shall enter a judgment of  
6 conviction and shall commit the defendant into the custody of  
7 the director of the Iowa department of corrections for the rest  
8 of the defendant's life. Nothing in the Iowa corrections code  
9 pertaining to deferred judgment, deferred sentence, suspended  
10 sentence, or reconsideration of sentence applies to a class  
11 "A" felony, and a person convicted of a class "A" felony shall  
12 not be released on parole unless the governor commutes the  
13 sentence to a term of years. For the purposes of this section,  
14 "life" means a defendant's natural life, regardless of any  
15 life-sustaining procedures, as defined in section 144A.2, that  
16 may be used on the defendant during the defendant's sentence.

17 EXPLANATION

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

20 This bill defines a life sentence for purposes of a class  
21 "A" felony as the defendant's natural life, regardless of any  
22 life-sustaining procedures that may be used on the defendant  
23 during the defendant's sentence.