

**House File 18 - Introduced**

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BY HITE

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to abuse of a human corpse and providing  
2 penalties.

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

1 Section 1. Section 708.14, subsection 2, Code 2021, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. A person who violates this section commits a class ~~"D"~~  
4 "C" felony.

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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 relates to abuse of a corpse and provides  
9 penalties.

10 Under current law, a person commits the crime of abuse of a  
11 human corpse if the person mutilates, disfigures, or dismembers  
12 a human corpse with the intent to conceal a crime or hides or  
13 buries a human corpse with the intent to conceal a crime. The  
14 bill increases the penalty for conviction of abuse of a human  
15 corpse from a class "D" felony to a class "C" felony.

16 A class "C" felony is punishable by confinement for no more  
17 than 10 years and a fine of at least \$1,370 but not more than  
18 \$13,660.