

**House File 281 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 15)

(COMPANION TO SF 172 BY  
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the definition of sex act or sexual activity  
2 for purposes of the Iowa criminal code.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 702.17, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2021,  
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 2. Contact between the mouth and genitalia or mouth and  
4 anus or by contact between the genitalia of one person and the  
5 genitalia or anus of another person.

6 3. Contact between the ~~finger or hand~~ finger, hand, or other  
7 body part of one person and the genitalia or anus of another  
8 person, except in the course of examination or treatment by a  
9 person licensed pursuant to [chapter 148](#), [148C](#), [151](#), or [152](#).

10 Sec. 2. Section 702.17, Code 2021, is amended by adding the  
11 following new subsection:

12 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. The touching of a person's own genitals  
13 or anus with a finger, hand, artificial sexual organ or other  
14 similar device at the direction of another person.

15 EXPLANATION

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

18 This bill relates to the definition of "sex act" or "sexual  
19 activity".

20 The bill amends the definition of "sex act" or "sexual  
21 activity" for purposes of the Iowa criminal code to include  
22 contact between the mouth and anus of two or more persons,  
23 contact between the finger, hand, or other body part of one  
24 person and the genitalia or anus of another person except in  
25 the course of examination or treatment by certain licensed  
26 professionals, and the touching of a person's own genitals or  
27 anus with a finger, hand, artificial sexual organ or other  
28 similar device at the direction of another person.