

House File 615 - Introduced

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BY GOBBLE

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to trespass upon vehicles, and making penalties
2 applicable.

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

1 Section 1. Section 716.7, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
2 2021, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:
3 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (8) Placing advertising or promotional
4 materials, including but not limited to flyers, business cards,
5 placards, signs, or pictures that display or offer services
6 or goods to be sold or exchanged, or that provide political
7 information, upon a vehicle without the consent of the owner,
8 lessee, or person in lawful possession of the vehicle.

9 EXPLANATION

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

12 This bill provides that trespass includes the unwanted
13 placement of advertising or promotional materials, including
14 but not limited to flyers, business cards, placards, signs, or
15 pictures that display or offer services or goods to be sold
16 or exchanged, or that provide political information, upon a
17 vehicle.

18 A person who commits trespass commits a simple misdemeanor,
19 aggravated misdemeanor, or serious misdemeanor depending on the
20 circumstances of the offense.

21 For purposes of trespass, a simple misdemeanor is punishable
22 by a scheduled fine of \$260 for a first violation, \$645 for
23 a second violation, and \$1,285 for a third or subsequent
24 violation. A serious misdemeanor is punishable by confinement
25 for no more than one year and a fine of at least \$430 but not
26 more than \$2,560. An aggravated misdemeanor is punishable by
27 confinement for no more than two years and a fine of at least
28 \$855 but not more than \$8,540.