

**House File 2227 - Introduced**

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BY DUNWELL

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the venue for prosecution of a controlled  
2 substance violation resulting in the death or serious bodily  
3 injury of another.

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

1 Section 1. Section 124.401, subsection 1, Code 2024, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *j.* A person who causes the death of another  
4 person or who causes serious bodily injury to another person as  
5 described in paragraphs “g” and “h” may be charged criminally  
6 in either the venue where the controlled substance violation  
7 occurred or in the venue where the death or serious bodily  
8 injury occurred. If two prosecuting agencies are seeking to  
9 file criminal charges, the venue where the controlled substance  
10 violation occurred shall have priority.

11 EXPLANATION

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

14 This bill relates to the venue for prosecution of a  
15 controlled substance violation resulting in the death or  
16 serious bodily injury of another.

17 The bill provides that a person who causes the death of  
18 another person or who causes serious bodily injury to another  
19 person while committing a violation of Code section 124.401(1)  
20 (prohibited acts — manufacture, delivery, possession) may be  
21 charged criminally in either the venue where the controlled  
22 substance violation occurred or in the venue where the death or  
23 serious bodily injury occurred. If two prosecuting agencies  
24 are seeking to file criminal charges, the venue where the  
25 controlled substance violation occurred shall have priority.