

House File 201 - Introduced

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BY FETT

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to harassment by the dissemination, publication,
2 distribution, or posting of personal information, and making
3 penalties applicable.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 708.7, subsection 1, Code 2025, is amended
2 by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. A person commits harassment when the
4 person purposefully and without legitimate purpose disseminates,
5 publishes, distributes, or posts personal information about
6 another person, without the other person's consent, with the
7 intent to threaten, intimidate, annoy, or alarm the other person,
8 or with the intent to encourage or entice third parties to
9 threaten, intimidate, annoy, or alarm the other person.

10 Sec. 2. Section 708.7, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code 2025,
11 is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

12 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (5) A violation of subsection 1, paragraph
13 "c".

14 Sec. 3. Section 708.7, subsection 8, Code 2025, is amended by
15 adding the following new paragraph:

16 NEW PARAGRAPH. 0c. "Personal information" means a person's
17 contact information or the contact information of the person's
18 family, including but not limited to the person's or family's
19 home address, phone number, email address, social media profile,
20 place of employment, photographic or film depictions of the
21 person or the person's family, or any other information designed
22 to allow other persons to threaten, intimidate, annoy, or alarm
23 the other person or person's family.

24 EXPLANATION

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

27 This bill relates to harassment by the dissemination,
28 publication, distribution, or posting of personal information.

29 The bill provides that a person commits harassment when the
30 person purposefully and without legitimate purpose disseminates,
31 publishes, distributes, or posts personal information about
32 another person, without the other person's consent, with the
33 intent to threaten, intimidate, annoy, or alarm the other person,
34 or with the intent to encourage or entice third parties to
35 threaten, intimidate, annoy, or alarm the other person. A

1 violation of this provision of the bill is harassment in the
2 first degree, which is an aggravated misdemeanor. An aggravated
3 misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more than two
4 years and a fine of at least \$855 but not more than \$8,540.

5 The bill defines "personal information" as a person's contact
6 information or the contact information of the person's family,
7 including but not limited to the person's or family's home
8 address, phone number, email address, social media profile, place
9 of employment, photographic or film depictions of the person
10 or the person's family, or any other information designed to
11 allow other persons to threaten, intimidate, annoy, or alarm the
12 person.

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