

House File 2160 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the payment of personal and home security
- 2 expenses from campaign funds, and making penalties applicable.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **68A.303A Personal and home security**
2 **expenses.**

3 1. In addition to the uses permitted under sections 68A.302
4 and 68A.303, a candidate or candidate's committee may use
5 campaign funds to pay for personal and home security expenses
6 if the payment to the personal or home security provider is
7 reasonable for the services rendered.

8 2. A candidate using campaign funds for personal or home
9 security expenses shall keep a log detailing the date, name
10 of the personal or home security provider, and cost for each
11 personal or home security expense paid or owed by the campaign
12 or candidate. Total personal and home security expenses shall be
13 included as a line-item expense in a report submitted pursuant to
14 section 68A.402. A candidate's log of personal and home security
15 expenses shall be provided to the board if requested during the
16 course of an audit. The candidate's committee shall preserve
17 a personal and home security log for five years following the
18 submission of a report relating to the log, or for three years
19 following the dissolution of the candidate's committee.

20 3. For purposes of this section, "*personal and home security*
21 *expenses*" includes but is not limited to expenses related to the
22 purchase of firearms, firearm equipment, and training.

23 EXPLANATION

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

26 This bill relates to the payment of personal and home
27 security expenses with campaign funds. The bill permits a
28 candidate to pay for personal and home security expenses using
29 campaign funds if the payment to the personal or home security
30 provider is reasonable. The bill requires the candidate to
31 keep logs relating to payment for any such services, which
32 shall be provided to the Iowa ethics and campaign disclosure
33 board upon request during the course of an audit. The bill
34 requires the candidate's committee to preserve a personal and
35 home security log for five years following the submission of

1 a report relating to the log, or for three years following
2 the dissolution of the committee. The bill defines "personal
3 and home security expenses" to include expenses related to the
4 purchase of firearms, firearm equipment, and training.

5 A person who violates a provision of Code chapter 68A
6 is subject to civil penalties imposed by the Iowa ethics
7 and campaign disclosure board, including remedial action, a
8 reprimand, and a civil penalty up to \$2,000 (Code section
9 68B.32D). In addition, a person who willfully violates a
10 provision of Code chapter 68A is guilty of a serious misdemeanor.
11 A serious misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more
12 than one year and a fine of at least \$430 but not more than
13 \$2,560.

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