

**House File 229 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act relating to the unauthorized placement of a global
- 2 positioning device and providing penalties.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 708.11A, Code 2025, is amended by striking  
2 the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

3 **708.11A Unauthorized placement of global positioning**  
4 **device.**

5 1. A person shall not place a global positioning device or  
6 a device equipped with global positioning technology on a motor  
7 vehicle owned or leased by another person without the consent of  
8 the other person.

9 2. A person shall not intentionally obtain information  
10 regarding the movement or location of another person from a  
11 global positioning device or a device equipped with global  
12 positioning technology that has been placed without the consent  
13 of the other person.

14 3. This section does not apply to any of the following:

15 a. A manufacturer, as defined in section 321.1, or a person  
16 acting within the scope of the person's employment, who installs  
17 an in-vehicle communication or telematics system.

18 b. A device installed by or with the permission of the  
19 vehicle owner for automobile insurance rating, underwriting, or  
20 claims handling purposes.

21 c. A peace officer acting within the officer's scope of  
22 employment pursuant to section 808.4A.

23 d. A parent or guardian tracking the movement or location of  
24 the parent's minor child or guardian's ward.

25 e. An employer or business owner tracking the movement or  
26 location of a motor vehicle owned, leased, or assigned for use  
27 by the employer or business owner.

28 f. A person tracking the movement or location of a device  
29 included within the person's shared cellular communications  
30 service plan.

31 4. A person who violates this section commits a serious  
32 misdemeanor.

33 **EXPLANATION**

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

1 This bill relates to the unauthorized placement of a global  
2 positioning device.

3 Under the bill, a person shall not place a global positioning  
4 device or a device equipped with global positioning technology  
5 on a motor vehicle owned or leased by another person without the  
6 consent of the other person.

7 The bill also prohibits a person from intentionally obtaining  
8 information regarding the movement or location of another person  
9 from a global positioning device or a device equipped with global  
10 positioning technology that has been placed without the consent  
11 of the other person.

12 The bill does not apply to any of the following: (1) a  
13 manufacturer, as defined in Code section 321.1, or a person  
14 acting within the scope of the person's employment, who installs  
15 an in-vehicle communication or telematics system, (2) a device  
16 installed with the vehicle owner's permission for automobile  
17 insurance rating, underwriting, or claims handling purposes, (3)  
18 a peace officer acting within the scope of employment, (4) a  
19 parent or guardian tracking the movement or location of the  
20 parent's minor child or guardian's ward, (5) an employer or  
21 business owner tracking the movement or location of a motor  
22 vehicle owned, leased, or assigned for use by the employer  
23 or business owner, or (6) a person tracking the movement or  
24 location of a device included within the person's shared cellular  
25 communications service plan.

26 A person who violates the bill commits a serious misdemeanor.  
27 A serious misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more  
28 than one year and a fine of at least \$430 but not more than  
29 \$2,560.