

**House File 2302 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing a domestic abuse offender registry, and  
2 providing penalties.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **692D.1 Domestic abuse offender**  
2 **registry.**

3 1. As used in this section:

4 a. "Convicted" means found guilty of, pleaded guilty to, or  
5 has been sentenced or adjudicated delinquent for an act that is  
6 an indictable offense in this state or in another jurisdiction  
7 including in a federal, military, tribal, or foreign court,  
8 including but not limited to a juvenile who has been adjudicated  
9 delinquent, but whose juvenile court records have been sealed  
10 under section 232.150, and a person who has received a deferred  
11 sentence or a deferred judgment or has been acquitted by reason  
12 of insanity. "Convicted" includes the conviction of a juvenile  
13 prosecuted as an adult. "Convicted" also includes a conviction  
14 for an attempt or conspiracy to commit an offense. "Convicted"  
15 does not mean a plea, sentence, adjudication, deferred sentence,  
16 or deferred judgment that has been reversed or otherwise set  
17 aside.

18 b. "Department" means the department of public safety.

19 c. "Domestic abuse assault" means an assault, as defined in  
20 section 708.1, that is domestic abuse as defined in section  
21 236.2, subsection 2.

22 d. "Persistent domestic abuse assault offender" means a  
23 person who has been convicted of a violation of section 708.2A  
24 who has at least one prior conviction under section 708.2A.

25 2. There is created within the department a registry of  
26 persistent domestic abuse assault offenders.

27 3. The department shall maintain this registry based upon  
28 information supplied to the department by the court clerks  
29 pursuant to subsections 4 and 5 and information available to  
30 the department from the department of corrections and local law  
31 enforcement agencies. The department shall make the registry  
32 available for public inquiry on the department's internet site.

33 4. The registry shall include all of the following  
34 information about a persistent domestic abuse assault offender:

35 a. The persistent domestic abuse assault offender's name,

1 date of birth, conviction date, and county or counties of  
2 convictions.

3     b. A photograph of the persistent domestic abuse assault  
4 offender.

5     5. a. If available, the court clerk shall provide the  
6 department with a copy of the persistent domestic abuse  
7 assault offender's driver's license, or other state or federal  
8 identification, and such other identifying data as the department  
9 determines is necessary to properly identify the persistent  
10 domestic abuse assault offender and exclude innocent persons.

11     b. The registry available for public inquiry must not include  
12 the persistent domestic abuse assault offender's address, social  
13 security number, driver's license number, or any other state or  
14 federal identification number.

15     6. If a person is convicted under section 708.2A and the  
16 person convicted has at least one prior conviction under section  
17 708.2A, then the court shall, upon proof of any prior convictions  
18 under section 708.2A, order the defendant to register as a  
19 persistent domestic abuse assault offender under this section.

20     7. If a court orders a defendant to register under this  
21 section, then the court clerk shall forward to the department  
22 a certified copy of the qualifying conviction and the date of  
23 birth of the defendant. The court clerk shall forward the  
24 information to the department within seven days of the date of  
25 the conviction.

26     8. A defendant required to register under this section shall  
27 be assessed a registration fee in the amount of one hundred fifty  
28 dollars, which must be paid to the clerk of the court imposing  
29 the sentence, who shall do all of the following:

30     a. Retain fifty dollars of the fee as appropriated receipts,  
31 as defined in section 8.2, to be used for the administration of  
32 this section.

33     b. Remit one hundred dollars of the fee to the department to  
34 be retained as appropriated receipts, as defined in section 8.2,  
35 to be used for the administration of this section.

1 9. The department shall remove from the registry the name  
2 and other identifying information of a persistent domestic abuse  
3 assault offender required to register under this section as  
4 follows:

5 a. Two years after the date of the most recent conviction  
6 under section 708.2A if the defendant has one prior conviction  
7 under section 708.2A.

8 b. Five years after the date of the most recent conviction  
9 under section 708.2A if the defendant has two prior convictions  
10 under section 708.2A.

11 c. Ten years after the date of the most recent conviction  
12 under section 708.2A if the defendant has three or more prior  
13 convictions under section 708.2A.

14 10. This section applies only to persons convicted under  
15 section 708.2A for offenses that occurred on or after July 1,  
16 2026, provided, however, that a prior conviction is not required  
17 to have occurred on or after July 1, 2026, for purposes of  
18 determining whether a person qualifies as a persistent domestic  
19 abuse assault offender.

20 Sec. 2. Section 708.2A, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended  
21 to read as follows:

22 1. For the purposes of this chapter, "domestic abuse assault"  
23 means an assault, as defined in section 708.1, which that  
24 is domestic abuse as defined in section 236.2, subsection 2,  
25 ~~paragraph "a", "b", "c", or "d".~~

26 EXPLANATION

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

29 This bill establishes a domestic abuse offender registry.

30 The bill provides that there is created within the department  
31 of public safety (department) a registry of persistent domestic  
32 abuse assault offenders. The bill requires the department  
33 to maintain the registry based upon information supplied to  
34 the department by the court and information available to the  
35 department from the department of corrections and local law

1 enforcement agencies. The department shall make the registry  
2 available for public inquiry on the department's internet site.

3 The registry shall include the name, date of birth, conviction  
4 date, county or counties of convictions, and a photograph of the  
5 persistent domestic abuse assault offender.

6 The bill provides that if available, the court clerk shall  
7 provide the department with a copy of the persistent domestic  
8 abuse assault offender's driver's license, or other state or  
9 federal identification, and such other identifying data as the  
10 department determines is necessary to properly identify the  
11 persistent domestic abuse assault offender. The bill provides  
12 that the registry available for public inquiry must not include  
13 the persistent domestic abuse assault offender's address, social  
14 security number, driver's license number, or any other state or  
15 federal identification number.

16 The bill provides that if a person is convicted of domestic  
17 abuse assault and the person convicted has at least one prior  
18 conviction for domestic abuse assault, then the court shall, upon  
19 proof of any prior convictions for domestic abuse assault, order  
20 the defendant to register as a persistent domestic abuse assault  
21 offender. The court clerk shall forward to the department,  
22 within seven days of the date of conviction, a certified copy of  
23 the qualifying conviction and the date of birth of the defendant.

24 A defendant required to register must pay to the clerk of the  
25 court imposing the sentence a registration fee of \$150. The  
26 clerk will retain \$50 of the fee for the administration of the  
27 bill. The clerk will remit \$100 of the fee to the department for  
28 the administration of the bill.

29 The bill provides that the department shall remove from  
30 the registry the name and other identifying information of a  
31 persistent domestic abuse assault offender required to register  
32 as follows: 2 years after the date of the most recent conviction  
33 for domestic abuse assault if the defendant has one prior  
34 conviction for domestic abuse assault; 5 years after the date  
35 of the most recent conviction for domestic abuse assault if the

1 defendant has two prior convictions for domestic abuse assault;  
2 and 10 years after the date of the most recent conviction for  
3 domestic abuse assault if the defendant has three or more prior  
4 convictions for domestic abuse assault.

5 The bill applies only to persons convicted of domestic abuse  
6 assault when the offense occurred on or after July 1, 2026,  
7 but a prior conviction is not required to have occurred on or  
8 after July 1, 2026, for purposes of determining whether a person  
9 qualifies as a persistent domestic abuse assault offender.

10 The bill provides definitions of "convicted", "department",  
11 "domestic abuse assault", and "persistent domestic abuse assault  
12 offender".

13 The bill amends the definition of "domestic abuse assault"  
14 in Code section 708.2A to include an assault between persons  
15 who are in an intimate relationship or have been in an intimate  
16 relationship and have had contact within the past year of the  
17 assault.