

House File 2597 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 644)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the payment of home security expenses from
2 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 Home security expenses.**

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

7 b. (1) A candidate or candidate's committee shall not expend
8 more than three thousand dollars for the installation of a
9 home security system and shall not make more than one such
10 expenditure.

11 (2) A candidate or candidate's committee shall not expend
12 more than one thousand two hundred dollars per year for the
13 operation of a home security system.

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

25 EXPLANATION

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

28 This bill relates to the payment of home security expenses
29 from campaign funds. The bill permits a candidate or candidate's
30 committee to pay for home security expenses using campaign funds
31 if the payment to the home security provider is reasonable. The
32 bill allows a candidate or candidate's committee to expend up
33 to \$3,000 once for the installation of a home security system
34 and up to \$1,200 annually for the operation of a home security
35 system. The bill requires the candidate to keep logs relating

1 to payment for any such services, which shall be provided to the
2 Iowa ethics and campaign disclosure board upon request during the
3 course of an audit. The bill requires the candidate's committee
4 to preserve a home security log for five years following the
5 submission of a report relating to the log, or for three years
6 following the dissolution of the committee.

7 A person who violates a provision of Code chapter 68A
8 is subject to civil penalties imposed by the Iowa ethics
9 and campaign disclosure board, including remedial action, a
10 reprimand, and a civil penalty up to \$2,000 (Code section
11 68B.32D). In addition, a person who willfully violates a
12 provision of Code chapter 68A is guilty of a serious misdemeanor.
13 A serious misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more
14 than one year and a fine of at least \$430 but not more than
15 \$2,560.

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