

House File 899 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 43)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to indecent exposure, including the unlawful
- 2 electronic transmission of sexually explicit visual material,
- 3 and providing penalties.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 709.9, Code 2025, is amended by adding the
2 following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. A person who is eighteen years of age or
4 older commits a serious misdemeanor if the person knowingly sends
5 a picture or video, which the person knows or reasonably should
6 know is unsolicited and unwanted by the recipient, by electronic
7 means depicting any of the following:

8 a. Any person's genitals or pubic area.

9 b. Any person engaging in a sex act, as defined in section
10 702.17.

11 c. The covered genitals of a male person that are in a
12 discernibly turgid state.

13 EXPLANATION

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

16 This bill relates to indecent exposure, including the unlawful
17 electronic transmission of sexually explicit visual material.

18 The bill provides that a person who is 18 years of age or
19 older commits a serious misdemeanor if the person knowingly sends
20 a picture or video, which the person knows or reasonably should
21 know is unsolicited and unwanted by the recipient, by electronic
22 means depicting any of the following: any person's genitals or
23 pubic area; any person engaging in a sex act, as defined in Code
24 section 702.17; or the covered genitals of a male person that
25 are in a discernibly turgid state. A serious misdemeanor is
26 punishable by confinement for no more than one year and a fine
27 of at least \$430 but not more than \$2,560.