

House Study Bill 613 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY BILL BY CHAIRPERSON
HOLT)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to intimidation with a dangerous weapon, and
2 making penalties applicable.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

unofficial

1 Section 1. Section 708.6, Code 2026, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **708.6 Intimidation with a dangerous weapon.**

4 1. A person commits a class "C" felony when the person, with
5 the intent to injure or provoke fear or anger ~~in another~~, shoots,
6 throws, launches, or discharges a dangerous weapon at, into, or
7 in a building, vehicle, airplane, railroad engine, railroad car,
8 or boat, occupied by another person, ~~or within an assembly of~~
9 ~~people, and thereby places the occupants or people in reasonable~~
10 ~~apprehension of serious injury~~ or threatens to commit such an
11 act under circumstances raising a reasonable expectation that the
12 threat will be carried out.

13 2. A person commits a class "D" felony when the person
14 shoots, throws, launches, or discharges a dangerous weapon at
15 another person or at, into, or in a building, vehicle, airplane,
16 railroad engine, railroad car, or boat, occupied by another
17 person, ~~or within an assembly of people, and thereby places the~~
18 ~~occupants or people in reasonable apprehension of serious injury~~
19 or threatens to commit such an act under circumstances raising a
20 reasonable expectation that the threat will be carried out.

21 **EXPLANATION**

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

24 This bill relates to intimidation with a dangerous weapon.

25 The bill removes language referring to discharging a dangerous
26 weapon within an assembly of people, and thereby placing the
27 occupants or people in reasonable apprehension of serious injury
28 from the bill.

29 A violation of the bill is either a class "C" or class "D"
30 felony depending on the circumstances. A class "C" felony is
31 punishable by confinement for no more than 10 years and a fine of
32 at least \$1,370 but not more than \$13,660. A class "D" felony is
33 punishable by confinement for no more than five years and a fine
34 of at least \$1,025 but not more than \$10,245.