

**Senate File 2237 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act relating to closed captioning in places of public
- 2 accommodation, and providing for civil penalties.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **216.7A Closed captioning**  
2 **required.**

3 1. A public accommodation shall enable closed captioning  
4 for all television programming and online broadcasts that are  
5 provided for viewing by members of the public during hours during  
6 which the public accommodation is open to the public unless a  
7 member of the public asks that closed captioning be disabled  
8 on a specific device. In the event of such a request, closed  
9 captioning shall be enabled again once the member of the public  
10 who requested that closed captioning be disabled discontinues  
11 viewing or leaves the public accommodation.

12 2. A person who violates this section shall be subject to a  
13 civil penalty of up to twenty-five dollars for each violation. A  
14 civil penalty collected under this section shall be deposited in  
15 the general fund of the state.

16 **EXPLANATION**

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

19 This bill requires all public accommodations that provide  
20 television programming and online broadcasts for viewing by  
21 members of the public to enable closed captioning on devices  
22 viewable by the public during business hours unless a member of  
23 the public asks that closed captioning be disabled on a specific  
24 device, in which case closed captioning shall be enabled again  
25 when the member of the public who made the request discontinues  
26 viewing or leaves the public accommodation.

27 A person who fails to comply with the bill is subject to  
28 a civil penalty of \$25 for each violation. Civil penalties  
29 collected under the bill are deposited in the general fund of the  
30 state.