

Senate File 291 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 291
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to vexatious litigation and providing penalties.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **720.6A Vexatious litigation.**

2 A person or person's counsel that files, brings, defends, or
3 asserts a civil claim against another person in bad faith or
4 without a reasonable basis in law or fact commits a serious
5 misdemeanor.

6 EXPLANATION

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

9 This bill relates to vexatious litigation and provides for
10 penalties. The bill provides that a person commits a serious
11 misdemeanor if the person or the person's counsel files, brings,
12 defends, or asserts a civil claim in bad faith or with no
13 reasonable basis in law or fact.

14 A serious misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more
15 than one year and a fine of at least \$430 but not more than
16 \$2,560.

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