

**Senate File 346 - Reprinted**

SENATE FILE 346  
BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 212)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate March 12, 2019)

**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act creating the criminal offense of female genital
- 2 mutilation and providing penalties.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 708.16 Female genital mutilation.

2 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a person  
3 who knowingly circumcises, excises, or infibulates, in whole or  
4 in part, the labia majora, labia minora, or clitoris of a minor  
5 commits a class "D" felony.

6 2. A surgical procedure is not a violation of subsection  
7 1 if the procedure is performed by a medical professional who  
8 holds a current license in this state necessary to perform the  
9 surgical procedure under any of the following circumstances:

10 a. When necessary to protect the health of the minor on whom  
11 the procedure is performed.

12 b. When performed on a minor who is in labor or who has just  
13 given birth and is performed for medical purposes connected  
14 with that labor or birth.

15 3. In determining whether a surgical procedure performed  
16 pursuant to subsection 2, paragraph "a", is a violation of  
17 subsection 1, consideration shall not be given to any belief  
18 the minor or any other person holds that the surgical procedure  
19 is required based on custom or ritual.

20 4. A person who knowingly transports a minor within or  
21 outside of this state for the purpose of performing a procedure  
22 that would be a violation of subsection 1 if the procedure  
23 occurred in this state, commits a class "D" felony.