HOUSE FILE 2600
BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2227)

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A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the venue for prosecution of a controlled substance violation resulting in the death or serious bodily injury of another.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 124.401, subsection 1, Code 2024, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. *j.* A person who causes the death of another person or who causes serious bodily injury to another person as described in paragraphs *"g"* and *"h"* may be charged criminally in either the county where the controlled substance violation occurred or in the county where the death or serious bodily injury occurred. [Notwithstanding section 803.3, subsection 1, if two] prosecuting agencies are seeking to file criminal charges, the [agency in the] county where the controlled substance violation occurred shall have [the primary right to proceed with prosecution of the offender].