

CHAPTER 1182

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT MESSAGE

S. F. 99

AN ACT relating to a state of the judicial department message.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. The chief justice of the supreme court shall communicate, by message, to the general assembly, at every regular session, the condition of the judicial department, and recommend such matters as the chief justice deems expedient.

Approved June 12, 1978

CHAPTER 1183

INCENDIARY DEVICE DEFINED

H. F. 616

AN ACT amending the criminal code revision to define "incendiary device."

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Chapter one thousand two hundred forty-five (1245), Acts of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly, 1976 Session, chapter one (1), is amended by adding the following new section after section two hundred eleven (211):

NEW SECTION. INCENDIARY DEVICE. An incendiary device is a device, contrivance, or material causing or designed to cause destruction of property by fire.

Approved April 27, 1978

CHAPTER 1184

MULTIPLE COUNTS IN INDICTMENT OR INFORMATION

S. F. 106

AN ACT relating to filing multiple counts in a single information, indictment, or complaint charging false use of a financial instrument.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Chapter seven hundred fifteen (715), Code 1977 Supplement, is amended by adding the following section after section seven hundred fifteen point six (715.6):

NEW SECTION. FILING MULTIPLE COUNTS IN ONE INFORMATION, INDICTMENT, OR COMPLAINT. A single information, indictment, or complaint charging false use of a financial instrument may allege more than one such violation against a person. The multiple charges shall be set out in separate counts, and the accused person shall be acquitted or convicted upon each count by a separate verdict. A convicted person shall be sentenced upon each verdict of guilty. The court may consider separate verdicts of guilty returned at the same time as one offense for the purpose of sentencing.

Approved June 5, 1978

CHAPTER 1185

CRIMINAL FLIGHT

H. F. 2382

AN ACT relating to flight from the state to avoid prosecution and providing a penalty.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section seven hundred nineteen point four (719.4), Code 1977 Supplement, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 4. A person who flees from the state to avoid prosecution for a public offense which is a felony or aggravated misdemeanor commits a class D felony.

Sec. 2. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Telegraph Herald, a newspaper published in Dubuque, Iowa, and in The Cedar Rapids Gazette, a newspaper published in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Approved June 14, 1978

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act, House File 2382, was published in the Telegraph Herald, Dubuque, Iowa on June 19, 1978, and in The Cedar Rapids Gazette, Cedar Rapids, Iowa on June 21, 1978.

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