

CHAPTER 1122

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE VIOLATION CAUSING THE DEATH OF ANOTHER PERSON — VENUE FOR CRIMINAL PROSECUTION

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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.

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