

Senate File 2161 - Enrolled

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AN ACT

RELATING TO FALSE REPORTS TO OR COMMUNICATIONS WITH PUBLIC
SAFETY ENTITIES, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES.

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

Section 1. Section 718.6, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

718.6 False reports to or communications with public safety entities.

1. A Except as provided in subsection 2, a person who reports or causes to be reported false information to a fire department, a law enforcement authority, or other public safety entity, knowing that the information is false, or who reports the alleged occurrence of a criminal act, knowing the act did not occur, commits a simple misdemeanor, unless the alleged criminal act reported is a serious or aggravated misdemeanor or felony, in which case the person commits a serious misdemeanor.

2. A person who reports or causes to be reported false information to a fire department, a law enforcement authority, or other public safety entity, knowing that the information is false, or who reports the alleged occurrence of a criminal act, knowing the act did not occur, commits a class "D" felony if the alleged criminal act reported is any of the following:

- a. A forcible felony under section 702.11.
- b. Intimidation with a dangerous weapon under section 708.6.
- c. An act of terrorism under chapter 708A.

d. Unlawful possession of biological agents or diseases under chapter 708B.

e. Any offense under chapter 712.

3. If the reported false information involves a criminal act under subsection 2 and the reported false information results in serious bodily injury to or the death of another person, the person reporting the false information commits a class "C" felony. For purposes of this subsection, a person causes serious bodily injury or death when the report of false information contributes to the other person's serious bodily injury or death.

~~2.~~ 4. A Except as provided in subsection 2, a person who telephones an emergency 911 communications center, knowing that the person is not reporting an emergency or otherwise needing emergency information or assistance, commits a simple misdemeanor.

~~3.~~ 5. A Except as provided in subsection 2, a person who knowingly provides false information to a law enforcement officer who enters the information on a citation commits a simple misdemeanor, unless the criminal act for which the citation is issued is a serious or aggravated misdemeanor or felony, in which case the person commits a serious misdemeanor.

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I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 2161, Ninetieth General Assembly.

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Approved _____, 2024

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