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**House File 200**

February 4, 1947.  
Cities and Towns.

By KOSEK and KNICKERBOCKER.

## **A BILL FOR**

An Act to amend section four hundred sixteen point one hundred thirty-five (416.135) and section four hundred sixteen point one hundred thirty-six (416.136), Code 1946, to provide for the construction of and procuring sites for field houses, athletic and recreational facilities in cities having commission form of government.

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

1 Section 1. That section four hundred sixteen point one  
2 hundred thirty-five (416.135), Code 1946, is hereby amended  
3 by adding after the word "pools" in line eight (8) of said  
4 section, the following: "field house, athletic or recreational  
5 facilities".

1 Sec. 2. That section four hundred sixteen point one  
2 hundred thirty-six (416.136), Code 1946, is hereby amended by  
3 striking the period at the end of the sixteenth (16th) line  
4 and adding thereto the following: "and an additional annual  
5 special tax of not to exceed one-half mill on the dollar on  
6 all taxable property of the city, to be used for the construction  
7 of and procuring a site for a field house, athletic or  
8 recreational facilities."

### EXPLANATION OF H. F. 200

Cities operating under the commission plan and having a population of more than 50,000 have authority to erect and construct swimming pools, bathing beaches, bath

houses, exhibition halls, armories, ice rinks, dance pavilions, shelter houses, wading pools and river walls, but there is no express provision for a field house. Such a building could be used for multiple purposes, both in the winter and summer, while many of the authorized buildings now are usable only for a very short period.

Conventions, musical competitions, intercity athletic contests, intramural athletics, exhibitions could be held in a field house.

With modern equipment and conveniences, there is greater time for leisure and recreation. If the youth is not afforded an outlet for their physical and pent-up energies, other activities will be resorted to, perhaps to their detriment and to that of society in general. Juvenile delinquency can be held down by giving proper outlet to the enthusiasms of adolescence.