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**Senate File 12**

January 13, 1947.  
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By CLEM.

## **A BILL FOR**

An Act to amend chapter seven hundred ninety-two (792), Code, 1946, relating to the execution of the death penalty.

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

1 Section 1. Amend section seven hundred ninety-two and  
2 nine tenths (792.9), Code, 1946, by striking from lines 6  
3 and 7 following the comma (,) after the word "confined" the  
4 following: "or within a yard or enclosure adjoining there-  
5 to", and by the striking from lines 8 and 9 after the comma  
6 (,) after the word "sunset" in line 8 the following: "by  
7 hanging by the neck until dead" and inserting in lieu  
8 thereof the following: "by gassing with lethal gas until  
9 dead", and further amending said section by adding thereto  
10 the following: "There shall be installed by the board of  
11 control of state institutions as soon as practicable in the  
12 penitentiary at Fort Madison, Iowa, a lethal gas chamber  
13 to be used for the purpose of executing criminals against  
14 whom a judgment of death has been entered. When said  
15 lethal chamber is completely installed and ready for opera-  
16 tion all criminals condemned to death shall be executed in  
17 said gas chamber."