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**House File 36**

Passed on File.

By MUNGER, KOSEK, McFARLANE and BUTLER.

Passed House, Date .....

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Passed Senate, Date .....

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Approved .....

# A BILL FOR

AN ACT to amend chapter six hundred twenty-two (622), Code 1950, relating to the admission in evidence of copies of any memorandum, writing, entry print, representation or combination thereof, of any act, transaction, occurrence or event in the regular course of business, reproduced by any photographic, photostatic, microfilm, micro-card, miniature photographic, or other process which accurately reproduces or forms a durable medium for so reproducing the original.

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

1 Section 1. Chapter six hundred twenty-two (622), Code

2 1950, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

3 "If any business, institution, member of a profession

4 or calling, or any department or agency of government, in

5 the regular course of business or activity has kept or

6 recorded any memorandum, writing, entry print, representation

7 or combination thereof, of any act, transaction, occurrence

8 or event and in the regular course of business has caused

9 any or all of the same to be recorded, copied or

10 reproduced by any photographic, photostatic, microfilm,

11 micro-card, miniature photographic, or other process

12 which accurately reproduces or forms a durable medium for  
13 so reproducing the original, the original may be destroyed  
14 in the regular course of business unless held in a custodial  
15 or fiduciary capacity or unless its preservation is required  
16 by law. Such reproduction, when satisfactorily identified,  
17 is as admissible in evidence as the original itself in any  
18 judicial or administrative proceeding whether the original  
19 is in existence or not and an enlargement or facsimile of  
20 such reproduction is likewise admissible in evidence if the  
21 original reproduction is in existence and available for  
22 inspection under direction of court. The introduction of a  
23 reproduced record, enlargement or facsimile, does not  
24 preclude admission of the original.”

#### EXPLANATION OF H. F. 36

This bill would permit microfilming of records both of public offices and businesses, and permit reproductions to be used in evidence without limiting the use of the original. It is an important measure. Quite recently thirteen states have adopted this measure. It has been recommended by the commissioners on uniform laws.

Public offices, county, city and state, have accumulated records for many years and most of these offices have so many of them it is difficult to find storage space. These records are also subject to the ravages of time, whereas the films will keep indefinitely.

Throughout the eastern states banks, business institutions and government offices are now microfilming records to a tremendous degree, and shipping them into the interior of the country for safe-keeping in the event of atomic destruction. The passage of this bill could result in great savings, both in public affairs and in the business affairs of the country.