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House File 516

Police Regulation, Suppression of Crime, Intemperance.

By PUTNEY.

Passed House, Date

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

Passed Senate, Date.....

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

Approved

A BILL FOR

An Act relating to bribery of participants in amateur and professional games and fixing the penalties therefor.

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

1 Section 1. Whoever gives, promises or offers to any
2 professional or amateur baseball, football, basketball,
3 hockey player or boxer or any player who participates in
4 any professional or amateur game or sport or any jockey,
5 driver, groom or any person participating in any horse
6 race, including owners of race tracks and their employees,
7 stewards, trainers, judges, starters, special policemen,
8 any valuable thing with intent to influence him to lose
9 or try to lose or cause to be lost a baseball, football,
10 basketball, hockey game, boxing match, or a horse race or
11 any professional or amateur sport, or game, in which such
12 player or participant or jockey or driver is taking part
13 or expects to take part, or has any duty or connection
14 therewith, who either, being a professional or amateur
15 baseball, football, basketball, hockey player, boxer or
16 jockey, driver, or groom or participant in any sport or

17 game, solicits or accepts any valuable thing to influence
18 him to lose or cause to be lost a baseball, football,
19 basketball, hockey or boxing match, or horse race or any
20 professional or amateur game of any professional or amateur
21 sport in which he is taking part, or expects to take part,
22 or has any duty or connection therewith,—he shall be
23 imprisoned in the penitentiary not more than ten years or
24 imprisoned in the county jail not exceeding one year, or
25 fined not exceeding one thousand dollars.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 516

Iowa has no laws relating to bribery or attempts to fix athletic contests. Recent scandals connected with university basketball teams in New York City deem it necessary that penalties should be enacted to curb any similar circumstance in this state.