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HOUSE FILE 2171

BY WARNSTADT

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to maintaining the confidentiality of persons
2 reporting a crime.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 22.7, Code Supplement 2001, is amended
2 by adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 5A. A person who calls 911 or a crime-
4 stoppers hotline, or a law enforcement agency to report a
5 crime and requests to remain anonymous shall be entitled to
6 have certain records obtained from the call kept confidential
7 pursuant to section 22.7. Any name, address, telephone
8 number, or other information identifying the person, which was
9 obtained as a result of the telephone call, shall not be
10 released by the agency that receives the call or maintains the
11 record, and shall not be subject to discovery, subpoena, or
12 other means of legal compulsion.

13 EXPLANATION

14 This bill relates to maintaining anonymity after reporting
15 a crime to a law enforcement agency, an E911 service, or a
16 crime-stopper hotline.

17 The bill provides that a person who calls 911 or a crime-
18 stoppers hotline, or a law enforcement agency to report a
19 crime, shall remain anonymous if the person requests to remain
20 anonymous. The bill further provides that any name, address,
21 telephone number, or other identifying information, obtained
22 as a result of the telephone call, shall not be released by
23 the agency and shall not be subject to discovery, subpoena, or
24 other means of legal compulsion, including the public records
25 law in Code chapter 22.

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