

## What's New in 2025–2026 Edition

This year's edition of **Iowa Practice-Criminal Law** incorporates significant discussions regarding the following areas:

- Passed new legislation modifying the offenses of “Grooming,” “Intrusion by use of Remotely Piloted Aircraft,” “Surveillance by use of Remotely Piloted Aircraft,” offenses related to assaults on persons based on certain occupations, and the age at which a person can purchase a weapon.
- Passed new legislation criminalizing the “Intentional Misrepresentation of a Service Animal,” and offenses related to the use of gift cards to commit theft, attempted theft, or fraud.
- Passed new legislation enhancing penalties for felons in possession of a weapon and for disseminating or exhibiting obscenity to minors.
- The Iowa Supreme Court addressed the impact of the 2022 amendment to the Iowa Constitution that protects the right of the people to keep and bear arms in two cases.
- The Iowa Supreme Court addressed the abandoned property exception, automobile exception, and incident to arrest exception to the Iowa Code regarding search warrants.
- The Iowa Supreme Court addressed the merger doctrine in several cases.
- Iowa Supreme Court addressed issues related to the criminal offense of failure to register as a sex offender.
- The Iowa supreme Court addressed issues of unnecessary delay and reasonable opportunity.
- The Iowa Supreme Court addressed guidelines for sentencing in several cases.

These are a few highlights of the current edition that readers will find informative and useful in their practice and discussions with colleagues.

Additionally, readers will find the inclusion of the Iowa Criminal Statutes Summary Chart, authored by the Honorable Michael R. Mullins of the Iowa Court of Appeals, in applicable footnotes. This chart provides users with a guide of the maximum and minimum penalties a criminal charge carries.

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