

CHAPTER 27

ACQUISITION AND CARRYING OF WEAPONS — MINIMUM AGE

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AN ACT relating to the minimum age for acquiring or carrying weapons.

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

Section 1. [Section 724.8, subsection 1](#), Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

1. Is less than eighteen years of age ~~for a professional permit or less than twenty-one years of age for a nonprofessional permit.~~

Sec. 2. [Section 724.15, subsection 1](#), Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

1. It is the intent of [this section](#) to satisfy federal requirements of 18 U.S.C. §922(t)(3) in order to acquire pistols or revolvers. In order to acquire a pistol or revolver from a federally licensed firearms dealer, an unlicensed person is required to have a valid permit to acquire or a valid permit to carry weapons issued in accordance with [this chapter](#) or the person must complete a satisfactory national instant criminal background check pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §922(t). A person under the age of twenty-one shall not be issued a permit to acquire a pistol or revolver, nor shall a nonprofessional permit to carry weapons held by a person who has not reached the age of twenty-one be valid for the transfer of a pistol or revolver from a federally licensed firearms dealer.

Sec. 3. [Section 724.15, subsection 2](#), paragraph a, Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

a. Under ~~twenty-one~~ eighteen years of age ~~except for those persons included in [section 724.22, subsection 4](#), who acquire a pistol or revolver when the person's duty so requires.~~

Sec. 4. [Section 724.22, subsections 2, 5, and 8](#), Code 2025, are amended to read as follows:

2. Except as provided in [subsections 4 and 5](#), a person who sells, loans, gives, or makes available a pistol or revolver or ammunition for a pistol or revolver to a person below the age of ~~twenty-one~~ eighteen commits a serious misdemeanor for a first offense and a class "D" felony for second and subsequent offenses.

5. a. A parent, or guardian, or spouse who is ~~twenty-one~~ eighteen years of age or older, of a person under the age of ~~twenty-one~~ eighteen may allow the person, while under direct supervision, to possess a pistol or revolver or the ammunition therefor for any lawful purpose, or while the person receives instruction in the proper use thereof from an instructor ~~twenty-one~~ eighteen years of age or older, with the consent of such parent, guardian, or spouse.

b. As used in [this section](#), "direct supervision" means supervision provided by the parent, guardian, spouse, or instructor who is ~~twenty-one~~ eighteen years of age or older, who maintains a physical presence near the supervised person conducive to hands-on instruction, who maintains visual and verbal contact at all times with the supervised person, and who is not intoxicated as provided under the conditions set out in [section 321J.2, subsection 1](#), or under the influence of an illegal drug.

8. A parent, guardian, or spouse, who is ~~twenty-one~~ eighteen years of age or older, of a minor under the age of fourteen years and who allows that minor to possess a pistol or revolver or the ammunition pursuant hereto, shall be strictly liable to an injured party for all damages resulting from the possession of the pistol or revolver or ammunition therefor by that minor.

Sec. 5. [Section 724.22, subsection 4](#), Code 2025, is amended by striking the subsection.

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