

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED ATTORNEY GENERAL
BILL)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the safety of persons in certain professions
2 involved with the judicial system, including authorizing
3 a judicial officer, attorney general, deputy attorney
4 general, or assistant attorney general to be issued a
5 professional permit to carry weapons, and establishing the
6 criminal offenses of threatening and the malicious sharing
7 of personal information of a judicial officer or a judicial
8 officer's immediate family, and providing penalties.
9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

DIVISION I

PROFESSIONAL PERMIT TO CARRY WEAPONS

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3 Section 1. Section 724.6, subsection 1, paragraph a,
4 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

5 (1) A person may be issued a permit to carry weapons when
6 the person's employment in a private investigation business
7 or private security business licensed under chapter 80A, or a
8 person's employment as a peace officer, correctional officer,
9 judicial officer, county attorney, assistant county attorney,
10 attorney general, deputy attorney general, assistant attorney
11 general, security guard, bank messenger or other person
12 transporting property of a value requiring security, or in
13 police work, reasonably justifies that person going armed.

14 Sec. 2. Section 724.6, subsection 1, paragraph a,
15 subparagraph (4), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

16 (4) A person may be issued a permit to carry weapons if the
17 person is a judicial officer, county attorney, ~~or an~~ assistant
18 county attorney, attorney general, deputy attorney general, or
19 assistant attorney general. An application for a permit by
20 an assistant county attorney must be approved by the county
21 attorney of each county in which the applicant serves prior to
22 a permit to carry weapons being issued. An application for
23 a permit by the attorney general or deputy attorney general
24 or by an assistant attorney general shall be delivered to
25 the sheriff for the county in which the applicant resides.
26 The sheriff of the issuing county may require the applicant
27 to complete a proficiency examination prior to issuing the
28 permit to carry weapons. The standards for a proficiency
29 examination for a judicial officer, county attorney, ~~or~~
30 assistant county attorney, attorney general, deputy attorney
31 general, or assistant attorney general shall not exceed the
32 standards required of a peace officer. The applicant shall pay
33 the reasonable costs associated with completing a proficiency
34 examination.

35 Sec. 3. Section 724.6, subsection 1, paragraphs b, c, and d,

1 Code 2026, are amended to read as follows:

2 *b.* The permit shall be on a form prescribed and published
3 by the commissioner of public safety, shall identify the
4 holder, and shall state the nature of the employment requiring
5 the holder to go armed. A permit so issued, other than to a
6 peace officer, judicial officer, county attorney, ~~or~~ assistant
7 county attorney, attorney general, deputy attorney general,
8 or assistant attorney general, shall authorize the person to
9 whom it is issued to go armed anywhere in the state, only while
10 engaged in the employment, and while going to and from the
11 place of the employment.

12 *c.* A permit issued to a certified peace officer, judicial
13 officer, county attorney, ~~or~~ assistant county attorney,
14 attorney general, deputy attorney general, or assistant
15 attorney general shall authorize that peace officer, judicial
16 officer, county attorney, ~~or~~ assistant county attorney,
17 attorney general, deputy attorney general, or assistant
18 attorney general to go armed anywhere in the state at all
19 times, including on the grounds of a school.

20 *d.* Permits shall expire twelve months after the date when
21 issued except that permits issued to peace officers, judicial
22 officers, county attorneys, assistant county attorneys, the
23 attorney general, deputy attorneys general, assistant attorneys
24 general, and correctional officers are valid through the
25 holder of the permit's period of employment unless otherwise
26 canceled. When the employment is terminated, the holder of the
27 permit shall surrender ~~it~~ the permit to the issuing officer for
28 cancellation.

29 Sec. 4. Section 724.6, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended
30 by adding the following new paragraph:

31 NEW PARAGRAPH. *e.* Notwithstanding any other provision in
32 this section, a person issued a permit to carry weapons under
33 this section may carry weapons only in a concealed manner when
34 inside a courtroom. This paragraph does not apply to peace
35 officers or correctional officers when fulfilling their duties

1 of employment.

2 Sec. 5. Section 724.6, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
3 to read as follows:

4 3. For purposes of this section, ~~"emergency medical care~~
5 ~~provider"~~:

6 a. "Emergency medical care provider" means the same as
7 defined in section 147A.1.

8 b. "Judicial officer" means the same as defined in section
9 602.1101.

10 Sec. 6. Section 724.6, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
11 following new subsection:

12 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. The supreme court may by rule impose
13 additional training or other requirements on judicial officers
14 who hold a permit issued under this section.

15 DIVISION II

16 THREATS AGAINST A JUDICIAL OFFICER OR AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY
17 MEMBER OF A JUDICIAL OFFICER

18 Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. 708.17 **Threatening a judicial officer**
19 **or an immediate family member of a judicial officer.**

20 1. No person shall threaten a judicial officer or the
21 immediate family member of a judicial officer with the intent
22 to do any of the following:

23 a. Place the judicial officer or the immediate family member
24 of a judicial officer in fear of serious injury to the judicial
25 officer or the immediate family member of the judicial officer.

26 b. Prevent or interrupt the ability of the judicial officer
27 to carry out the judicial officer's job duties.

28 c. Retaliate against a judicial officer in relation to the
29 performance of the judicial officer's official duties during
30 the judicial officer's term of service.

31 2. A person who violates the provisions of this section is
32 guilty of a class "C" felony.

33 3. As used in this section:

34 a. "Immediate family member" means a spouse, child, sibling,
35 parent, grandparent, or grandchild, and includes a stepparent,

1 a stepchild, a stepsibling, or an adoptive relationship.

2 *b. "Judicial officer"* means the same as defined in section
3 602.1101.

4 *c. "Retaliate"* means intentionally threatening bodily injury
5 to or damage to the property of a judicial officer with intent
6 to retaliate against the judicial officer for the judicial
7 officer's exercise of judicial duties and causing the judicial
8 officer or the family member to reasonably believe that the
9 judicial officer's or the family member's person or property
10 is in danger.

11 DIVISION III

12 MALICIOUS SHARING OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

13 **Sec. 8. NEW SECTION. 708.18 Malicious sharing of personal**
14 **information of a judicial officer or an immediate family member**
15 **of a judicial officer.**

16 1. No person shall share the personal information of a
17 judicial officer or the immediate family member of a judicial
18 officer with the intent to do any of the following:

19 *a.* Cause harm to the judicial officer or the immediate
20 family member of a judicial officer.

21 *b.* Place the judicial officer or the immediate family member
22 of a judicial officer in fear of serious harm to the judicial
23 officer or to an immediate family member of the judicial
24 officer.

25 *c.* Prevent or interrupt the ability to carry out the
26 judicial officer's job duties.

27 2. A person who violates the provisions of this section is
28 guilty of a serious misdemeanor.

29 3. As used in this section:

30 *a. "Immediate family member"* means a spouse, child, sibling,
31 parent, grandparent, or grandchild, and includes a stepparent,
32 a stepchild, a stepsibling, or an adoptive relationship.

33 *b. "Judicial officer"* means the same as defined in section
34 602.1101.

35 *c. "Personal information"* means a person's personal physical

1 address, personal phone number, or physical location.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
4 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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This bill relates to the safety of persons in certain
6 professions involved with the judicial system, including by
7 authorizing a judicial officer, attorney general, deputy
8 attorney general, and assistant attorney general to be issued
9 a professional permit to carry weapons; and establishing the
10 criminal offenses of threatening and the malicious sharing of
11 personal information of a judicial officer or a member of the
12 judicial officer's immediate family.

13 DIVISION I. The bill provides that a permit issued to a
14 judicial officer, attorney general, deputy attorney general,
15 or assistant attorney general grants authorization to go armed
16 anywhere in the state at all times, including on the grounds
17 of a school.

18 The bill provides that a permit issued to a judicial
19 officer, attorney general, deputy attorney general, or
20 assistant attorney general is valid through the holder of the
21 permit's period of employment unless otherwise canceled. When
22 the employment is terminated, the holder of the permit is
23 required to surrender the permit to the issuing officer for
24 cancellation.

25 The bill defines "judicial officer" as a supreme court
26 justice, a judge of the court of appeals, a district judge,
27 a district associate judge, an associate juvenile judge, an
28 associate probate judge, or a magistrate. The term also
29 includes a person who is temporarily serving as a justice,
30 judge, or magistrate as permitted by law.

31 The bill allows the supreme court to impose additional
32 training or other requirements on judicial officers who hold a
33 permit issued under the bill.

34 DIVISION II. The bill establishes the offense of
35 threatening a judicial officer or an immediate family member

1 of a judicial officer.

2 The bill prohibits a person from threatening a judicial
3 officer or the immediate family member of a judicial officer
4 with the intent to do any of the following: placing the
5 judicial officer or the immediate family member of a judicial
6 officer in fear of serious injury to the judicial officer or
7 the immediate family member of the judicial officer; preventing
8 or interrupting the ability of the judicial officer to carry
9 out the judicial officer's job duties; or retaliating against a
10 judicial officer in relation to the performance of the judicial
11 officer's official duties during the judicial officer's term
12 of service. The bill defines "immediate family member" and
13 "retaliation".

14 A person violating this division of the bill is guilty
15 of a class "C" felony. A class "C" felony is punishable by
16 confinement for no more than 10 years and a fine of at least
17 \$1,370 but not more than \$13,660.

18 DIVISION III. The bill establishes the criminal offense of
19 the malicious sharing of personal information of a judicial
20 officer or an immediate family member of a judicial officer.

21 The bill prohibits a person from sharing the personal
22 information of a judicial officer or the immediate family
23 member of a judicial officer with the intent to do any of
24 the following: causing harm to the judicial officer or the
25 immediate family member of a judicial officer; placing the
26 judicial officer or the immediate family member of a judicial
27 officer in fear of serious harm to the judicial officer
28 or to an immediate family member of the judicial officer;
29 or preventing or interrupting the ability to carry out the
30 judicial officer's job duties. The bill defines "personal
31 information".

32 A person violating this division of the bill is guilty of a
33 serious misdemeanor. A serious misdemeanor is punishable by
34 confinement for no more than one year and a fine of at least
35 \$430 but not more than \$2,560.