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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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(COMPANION TO SF 140 BY FINK)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the possession of curio or relic firearms by
2 members of certain organizations.

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

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HF 617

1 Section 1. Section 724.2, Code 1997, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsections:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 8. A resident of this state, who
4 possesses an offensive weapon which is a curio or relic
5 firearm under the federal Firearms Act, 18 U.S.C. ch. 44,
6 solely for use in the official functions of a historical
7 reenactment organization of which the person is a member, if
8 the offensive weapon has been permanently rendered unfit for
9 the firing of live ammunition. The offensive weapon may,
10 however, be adapted for the firing of blank ammunition.

11 NEW SUBSECTION. 9. A nonresident, who possesses an
12 offensive weapon which is a curio or relic firearm under the
13 federal Firearms Act, 18 U.S.C. ch. 44, solely for use in
14 official functions in this state of a historical reenactment
15 organization of which the person is a member, if the offensive
16 weapon is legally possessed by the person in the person's
17 state of residence and the offensive weapon is at all times
18 while in this state rendered incapable of firing live
19 ammunition. A nonresident who possesses an offensive weapon
20 under this subsection while in this state shall not have in
21 the person's possession live ammunition. The offensive weapon
22 may, however, be adapted for the firing of blank ammunition.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill creates two exceptions to the prohibition, found
25 in Code chapter 724, against possessing offensive weapons.

26 The first exception is for residents of the state, who may
27 possess an offensive weapon solely for use in official
28 functions of a historical reenactment society of which the
29 person is a member. The offensive weapon must be a curio or
30 relic firearm under the federal Firearms Act, 18 U.S.C. ch.
31 44, and must be rendered permanently incapable of firing live
32 ammunition, although the weapon may be permanently adapted for
33 the firing of blank ammunition. The second exception is for
34 nonresidents, who may possess an offensive weapon solely for
35 use in official functions in Iowa of a historical reenactment

1 society of which the nonresident is a member if the person
2 legally possesses the offensive weapon in the person's state
3 of residence. The weapon must be a curio or relic firearm
4 under the federal Firearms Act, 18 U.S.C. ch. 44, and must be
5 rendered incapable of firing live ammunition at all times
6 while in this state. In addition, the person possessing the
7 weapon shall not possess live ammunition for the weapon while
8 in this state with the offensive weapon. The weapon may be
9 adapted for the firing of blank ammunition.

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