STATE GOVERNMENT

SENATE FILE 2289

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A BILL FOR 1 An Act relating to the issuance of permits to carry weapons. 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA: 

- Section 1. Section 724.7, Code 1997, is amended to read as 2 follows:
- 3 724.7 NONPROFESSIONAL PERMIT TO CARRY WEAPONS.
- 4 Any person who can reasonably justify going armed may shall
- 5 be issued a nonprofessional permit to carry weapons. Such
- 6 permits shall be on a form prescribed and published by the
- 7 commissioner of public safety, which shall be readily
- 8 distinguishable from the professional permit, and shall
- 9 identify the holder thereof, and state the reason for the
- 10 issuance of the permit, and the limits of the authority
- 11 granted by such permit. All permits so issued shall be for a
- 12 definite period as established by the issuing officer, but in
- 13 no event shall exceed a period of twelve months.
- 14 Sec. 2. Section 724.11, Code Supplement 1997, is amended
- 15 to read as follows:
- 16 724.11 ISSUANCE OF PERMIT TO CARRY WEAPONS.
- 17 Applications for permits to carry weapons shall be made to
- 18 the sheriff of the county in which the applicant resides.
- 19 Applications from persons who are nonresidents of the state,
- 20 or whose need to go armed arises out of employment by the
- 21 state, shall be made to the commissioner of public safety. In
- 22 either case, the-issuance-of-the-permit-shall-be-by-and-at-the
- 23 discretion-of the sheriff or commissioner,-who-shall,-before
- 24 issuing-the-permit;-determine shall issue the permit after
- 25 determining that the requirements of sections 724.6 to 724.10
- 26 have been satisfied. However, the training program
- 27 requirements in section 724.9 may be waived for renewal
- 28 permits. The issuing officer shall collect a fee of ten
- 29 dollars, except from a duly appointed peace officer or
- 30 correctional officer, for each permit issued. Renewal permits
- 31 or duplicate permits shall be issued for a fee of five
- 32 dollars. The issuing officer shall notify the commissioner of
- 33 public safety of the issuance of any permit at least monthly
- 34 and forward to the commissioner an amount equal to two dollars
- 35 for each permit issued and one dollar for each renewal or

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I duplicate permit issued. All such fees received by the
 2 commissioner shall be paid to the treasurer of state and
3 deposited in the operating account of the department of public
4 safety to offset the cost of administering this chapter. Any
5 unspent balance as of June 30 of each year shall revert to the
6 general fund as provided by section 8.33.
                             EXPLANATION
      This bill amends Code section 724.7 to require the issuance
9 of a nonprofessional permit to carry a weapon to a person who
10 can reasonably justify going armed.
      The bill amends Code section 724.11, relating to the
12 issuance of a permit to carry a weapon. Currently, an
13 application for a permit to carry a weapon must be made to
14 either the sheriff in the county where the applicant resides
15 or to the commissioner of public safety if the applicant is a
16 nonresident. The issuance of a permit is by and at the
17 discretion of the sheriff or commissioner after a
18 determination of whether certain requirements have been met.
19 The bill amends this procedure by removing the discretion
20 previously given to the sheriff or commissioner.
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