

**House File 122 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the authority to possess offensive  
2 weapons and the carrying of weapons by a licensed private  
3 investigator and a licensed private security officer.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 724.2, Code 2011, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 4A. A private investigator or a private  
4 security officer who possesses a valid license pursuant to  
5 chapter 80A.

6 Sec. 2. Section 724.4, subsection 4, Code 2011, is amended  
7 by adding the following new paragraph:

8 NEW PARAGRAPH. 1. A private investigator or a private  
9 security officer who possesses a valid license pursuant to  
10 chapter 80A, while engaged in the performance of official  
11 duties.

12 Sec. 3. Section 724.4B, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code  
13 2011, is amended to read as follows:

14 a. A person listed under section 724.4, subsection 4,  
15 paragraphs "b" through "f", or "j", or "l".

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill relates to the authority to possess offensive  
18 weapons and the carrying of weapons by a licensed private  
19 investigator and a licensed private security officer.

20 The bill allows a private investigator or a private security  
21 officer who possesses a valid license pursuant to Code chapter  
22 80A to possess offensive weapons, when the person's duties  
23 or lawful activities require or permit such possession. An  
24 offensive weapon is defined in Code section 724.1 to include a  
25 machine gun, a short-barreled rifle or short-barreled shotgun,  
26 certain other weapons which fire or can be made to fire a  
27 projectile by the explosion of a propellant charge, a bomb,  
28 grenade, or mine, any rocket having a propellant charge of more  
29 than four ounces, certain rockets, missiles, and other similar  
30 devices, a ballistic knife, any part or combination of parts  
31 to be used to convert any device into an offensive weapon,  
32 certain bullets, projectiles, shotshells, or cartridges, any  
33 mechanical device specifically constructed and designed so that  
34 when attached to a firearm silences, muffles, or suppresses the  
35 sound when fired, an antique firearm or collector's firearm,

1 any device which is not designed or redesigned for use as a  
2 weapon including signaling, pyrotechnic, line-throwing, or  
3 safety devices, and unserviceable firearms.

4 The bill authorizes a private investigator or a private  
5 security officer who possesses a valid license pursuant to  
6 Code chapter 80A, while engaged in the performance of official  
7 duties, to carry a dangerous weapon. Under Code section 702.7,  
8 dangerous weapons include but are not limited to any offensive  
9 weapon, pistol, revolver, or other firearm, dagger, razor,  
10 stiletto, switchblade knife, knife having a blade exceeding  
11 five inches in length, or any portable device or weapon  
12 directing an electric current, impulse, wave, or beam that  
13 produces a high-voltage pulse designed to immobilize a person.

14 The bill authorizes a private investigator or a private  
15 security officer who possesses a valid license pursuant to  
16 Code chapter 80A, while engaged in the performance of official  
17 duties, to carry a firearm on school grounds pursuant to Code  
18 section 724.4B.