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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution  
2 of the State of Iowa relating to an individual's right to  
3 acquire, keep, possess, transport, carry, transfer, and use  
4 arms.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of  
2 the State of Iowa is proposed:

3 Article I of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is amended  
4 by adding the following new section:

5 **Right to acquire, keep, possess, transport, carry, transfer,**  
6 **and use arms.** SEC. 1A. The right of an individual to acquire,  
7 keep, possess, transport, carry, transfer, and use arms to  
8 defend life and liberty and for all other legitimate purposes  
9 is fundamental and shall not be infringed upon or denied.  
10 Mandatory licensing, registration, or special taxation as a  
11 condition of the exercise of this right is prohibited, and any  
12 other restriction shall be subject to strict scrutiny.

13 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing proposed  
14 amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred  
15 to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general  
16 election for members of the general assembly and the secretary  
17 of state is directed to cause the same to be published for  
18 three consecutive months previous to the date of that election  
19 as provided by law.

20 EXPLANATION

21 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the  
22 Constitution of the State of Iowa providing that the right of  
23 an individual to acquire, keep, possess, transport, carry,  
24 transfer, and use arms to defend life and liberty and for all  
25 other legitimate purposes is fundamental and shall not be  
26 infringed upon or denied. Mandatory licensing, registration,  
27 or special taxation as a condition of the exercise of this  
28 right is prohibited, and any other restriction shall be subject  
29 to strict scrutiny.

30 The joint resolution, if adopted, would be referred to the  
31 next general assembly for adoption a second time before being  
32 submitted to the electorate for ratification.