

**House File 2012 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the possession of a pistol, revolver,  
2 or ammunition by a person under the age of twenty-one in  
3 certain circumstances and making penalties applicable.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 724.22, subsection 5, Code 2014, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 5. A parent or guardian or spouse who is twenty-one years  
4 of age or older, of a person ~~fourteen~~ twelve years of age but  
5 less than twenty-one may allow the person to possess a pistol  
6 or revolver or the ammunition therefor for any lawful purpose  
7 while under the direct supervision of the parent or guardian  
8 or spouse who is twenty-one years of age or older, or while the  
9 person receives instruction in the proper use thereof from an  
10 instructor twenty-one years of age or older, with the consent  
11 of such parent, guardian, or spouse.

12 EXPLANATION

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

15 Under current law, a person 14 years of age but less than 21  
16 years of age may possess a pistol or revolver or the ammunition  
17 for the pistol or revolver for any lawful purpose while under  
18 the direct supervision of the person's parent or guardian or  
19 spouse who is 21 years of age or older, or while the person  
20 receives instruction in the proper use of a pistol or revolver  
21 from an instructor who is 21 or older with the consent of such  
22 parent, guardian, or spouse. The bill lowers the age limit for  
23 the person to possess a pistol or revolver or ammunition under  
24 these circumstances to 12 years of age. Under Code section  
25 724.22, subsection 2, a person who violates this provision  
26 commits a serious misdemeanor for a first offense and a class  
27 "D" felony for second and subsequent offenses.