

Senate File 208 - Introduced

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BY ERNST

A BILL FOR

1 An Act exempting veterans from the requirement to obtain
2 permits to acquire pistols or revolvers.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 724.15, subsection 2, Code 2013, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *f.* The person is a veteran as defined in
4 section 35.1.

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EXPLANATION

6 Current law provides that any person who desires to acquire
7 ownership of any pistol or revolver shall first obtain an
8 annual permit to acquire a pistol or revolver from the sheriff
9 of the county where the person resides. An applicant must
10 meet certain minimum application requirements and must pass
11 a criminal history background check. In certain situations,
12 certain persons are exempt from this permit requirement
13 including a licensed firearm dealer who transfers a pistol
14 or revolver to another licensed firearm dealer; a person who
15 acquires a pistol or revolver that is an antique firearm, a
16 collector's item, a device which is not designed or redesigned
17 for use as a weapon, a device which is designed solely for
18 use as a signaling, pyrotechnic, line-throwing, safety, or
19 similar device, or a firearm which is unserviceable; a person
20 who acquires a pistol or revolver under the authority of a law
21 enforcement agency; a person who has obtained a valid permit to
22 carry weapons; or a person who transfers a pistol or revolver
23 to certain family members unless the person transferring the
24 pistol or revolver knows that the person acquiring the pistol
25 or revolver would be disqualified from obtaining a permit.

26 This bill includes veterans in the list of persons who are
27 not required to obtain a permit to acquire pistols or revolvers
28 before purchasing a pistol or revolver. "Veteran" means the
29 same as defined in Code section 35.1.