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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the possession of a pistol, revolver, or
2 ammunition by persons under fourteen years of age, and
3 including effective date provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 724.22, subsection 5, Code 2016, is
2 amended to read as follows:

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

12 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
13 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

14 EXPLANATION

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

17 This bill relates to the possession of a pistol, revolver, or
18 ammunition by persons below the age of 14.

19 Current law prohibits all persons including a parent,
20 guardian, or spouse from allowing a person under 14 years of
21 age to possess a pistol, revolver, or the ammunition therefor.
22 A person who violates current law commits a serious misdemeanor
23 for a first offense and a class "D" felony for any second or
24 subsequent offense.

25 Current law does allow a person at least 14 years of age but
26 under 21 years of age to possess a pistol, revolver, or the
27 ammunition therefor, if such person has consent from a parent,
28 guardian, or spouse who is 21 years of age or older. Current
29 law also permits a person under 21 years of age but at least
30 18 years of age, while on military duty, or while acting as
31 a peace officer, security guard, or correctional officer, to
32 possess a pistol, revolver, or the ammunition therefor without
33 consent from a parent, guardian, or spouse.

34 The bill allows a parent, guardian, or spouse who is 21 years
35 of age or older, while under the direct supervision of the

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1 parent, guardian, or spouse, or an instructor 21 years of age
2 or older with the consent of the parent, guardian, or spouse,
3 to permit a person below 14 years of age to possess a pistol or
4 revolver or the ammunition therefor, which may then be lawfully
5 used.

6 The bill takes effect upon enactment.