

**Senate File 319 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 319

BY SCHULTZ

(COMPANION TO HF 99 BY  
HEARTSILL)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the possession of a pistol, revolver, or  
2 ammunition by a person under fourteen years of age.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 724.22, subsection 5, Code 2015, 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, 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 This bill relates to the possession of a pistol, revolver, or  
16 ammunition by a person under 14 years of age.

17 Under the bill, a parent, guardian, or spouse who is 21 years  
18 of age or older, or another with the express consent of the  
19 minor's parent, guardian, or spouse who is 21 years of age or  
20 older, may allow a minor to possess a pistol or revolver or the  
21 ammunition therefor, which then may be lawfully used. Current  
22 law prohibits a parent, guardian, or spouse who is 21 years of  
23 age or older from allowing a minor under 14 years of age from  
24 possessing a pistol, revolver, or the ammunition.

25 Except for the circumstances under Code section 724.22(4)  
26 (security personnel) or (5), a person who sells, loans, gives,  
27 or makes available a pistol or revolver or ammunition for a  
28 pistol or revolver to a person below the age of 21 commits a  
29 serious misdemeanor for a first offense and a class "D" felony  
30 for second and subsequent offenses.

31 An aggravated misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for  
32 no more than two years and a fine of at least \$625 but not more  
33 than \$6,250. A class "D" felony is punishable by confinement  
34 for no more than five years and a fine of at least \$750 but not  
35 more than \$7,500.