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A BILL FOR

1 An Act allowing certain emergency medical care providers to
2 obtain a professional permit to carry weapons.

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

1 Section 1. Section 724.6, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
2 2020, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. (1) A person may be issued a permit to carry weapons
4 when the person's employment in a private investigation
5 business or private security business licensed under chapter
6 80A, or a person's employment as a peace officer, correctional
7 officer, security guard, bank messenger or other person
8 transporting property of a value requiring security, or in
9 police work, reasonably justifies that person going armed.

10 (2) A person may be issued a permit to carry weapons if the
11 person is an emergency medical care provider who accompanies
12 police tactical teams into potentially high casualty situations
13 in which a threat may still be active. A person issued a permit
14 to carry weapons under this subparagraph shall train with
15 the tactical team, complete a firearm safety training course
16 offered pursuant to section 724.9, subsection 1, paragraph "e",
17 and not be disqualified under section 724.8.

18 Sec. 2. Section 724.6, subsection 2, Code 2020, is amended
19 to read as follows:

20 2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, fire fighters, as defined
21 in section 411.1, subsection 10, airport fire fighters included
22 under section 97B.49B, and emergency medical care providers,
23 ~~as defined in section 147A.1~~ other than emergency medical
24 care providers specified in subsection 1, paragraph "a",
25 subparagraph (2), shall not, as a condition of employment,
26 be required to obtain a permit under this section. However,
27 the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a person
28 designated as an arson investigator by the chief fire officer
29 of a political subdivision.

30 Sec. 3. Section 724.6, Code 2020, is amended by adding the
31 following new subsection:

32 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. For purposes of this section, "emergency
33 *medical care provider*" means the same as defined in section
34 147A.1.

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EXPLANATION

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

3 This bill relates to persons eligible to obtain a
4 professional permit to carry weapons.

5 Current law restricts persons eligible to obtain a
6 professional permit to carry weapons to certain individuals
7 involved with investigation, security, valuable property
8 transportation, corrections, and other police work if the
9 individual's occupation reasonably justifies the individual
10 going armed. The bill allows an emergency medical care
11 provider to obtain a professional permit to carry weapons if
12 the emergency medical care provider accompanies police tactical
13 teams into potentially high casualty situations in which a
14 threat may still be active. Additionally, the emergency
15 medical care provider shall train with the tactical team,
16 complete a firearm safety training course that qualifies a
17 peace officer to carry a firearm in the normal course of the
18 peace officer's duties, and not be disqualified from obtaining
19 a professional or nonprofessional permit to carry weapons.
20 Notwithstanding a general prohibition, the bill allows an
21 employer of an emergency medical care provider to require
22 an emergency medical care provider to obtain a professional
23 permit to carry weapons as a condition of employment if the
24 emergency medical care provider accompanies police tactical
25 teams consistent with the bill.

26 By operation of law, a professional permit to carry weapons
27 will authorize an emergency medical care provider to go armed
28 anywhere in the state only while engaged in employment and
29 while going to and from the place of employment. An emergency
30 medical care provider shall submit an application and undergo
31 a criminal history background check prior to receiving a
32 professional permit to carry weapons. A professional permit
33 to carry weapons issued to an emergency medical care provider
34 shall expire 12 months after the date of issue.