

**House File 2590 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2036)

(COMPANION TO SF 2096 BY  
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY)

**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  
11 if the person is an emergency medical care provider who is  
12 designated and attached to a law enforcement tactical team by  
13 the authorities having jurisdiction. A person issued a permit  
14 to carry weapons under this paragraph shall train with the law  
15 enforcement tactical team the person is designated and attached  
16 to, complete a prescribed firearm safety training course  
17 offered pursuant to section 724.9, subsection 1, paragraph  
18 "e", complete any additional training as prescribed by the  
19 authorities having jurisdiction, and not be disqualified under  
20 section 724.8.

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

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

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

35 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. For purposes of this section, "*emergency*

1 *medical care provider* means the same as defined in section  
2 147A.1.

3 EXPLANATION

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

6 This bill relates to persons eligible to obtain a  
7 professional permit to carry weapons.

8 Current law restricts persons eligible to obtain a  
9 professional permit to carry weapons to certain individuals  
10 involved with investigation, security, valuable property  
11 transportation, corrections, and other police work if the  
12 individual's occupation reasonably justifies the individual  
13 going armed. The bill allows an emergency medical care  
14 provider to obtain a professional permit to carry weapons if  
15 the emergency medical care provider is designated and attached  
16 to a law enforcement tactical team by the authorities having  
17 jurisdiction. Additionally, the emergency medical care  
18 provider shall train with the law enforcement tactical team,  
19 complete a firearm safety training course that qualifies a  
20 peace officer to carry a firearm in the normal course of the  
21 peace officer's duties, complete any additional training as  
22 prescribed by the authorities having jurisdiction, and not be  
23 disqualified from obtaining a professional or nonprofessional  
24 permit to carry weapons. Notwithstanding a general  
25 prohibition, the bill allows an employer of an emergency  
26 medical care provider to require an emergency medical care  
27 provider to obtain a professional permit to carry weapons as a  
28 condition of employment if the emergency medical care provider  
29 accompanies police tactical teams consistent with the bill.

30 By operation of law, a professional permit to carry weapons  
31 will authorize an emergency medical care provider to go armed  
32 anywhere in the state only while engaged in employment and  
33 while going to and from the place of employment. An emergency  
34 medical care provider shall submit an application and undergo  
35 a criminal history background check prior to receiving a

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1 professional permit to carry weapons. A professional permit  
2 to carry weapons issued to an emergency medical care provider  
3 shall expire 12 months after the date of issue.