

Senate File 2095 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 587)
(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1007)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act allowing county attorneys and assistant county attorneys
2 to 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, Code 2020, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **724.6 Professional permit to carry weapons.**

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

12 *b.* The permit shall be on a form prescribed and published
13 by the commissioner of public safety, shall identify the
14 holder, and shall state the nature of the employment requiring
15 the holder to go armed. A permit so issued, other than to
16 a peace officer, shall authorize the person to whom it is
17 issued to go armed anywhere in the state, only while engaged
18 in the employment, and while going to and from the place of the
19 employment.

20 *c.* A permit issued to a county attorney or an assistant
21 county attorney shall authorize that county attorney or
22 assistant county attorney to go armed anywhere in the state
23 at all times except on the grounds of a school or beyond a
24 security screening station at a courthouse subject to the
25 rules, directives, and procedures of the judicial branch and
26 the judicial district. A county attorney or an assistant
27 county attorney seeking a professional permit to carry weapons
28 pursuant to this section shall complete a firearm safety
29 training course offered pursuant to section 724.9, subsection
30 1, paragraph "e", and shall not be disqualified under section
31 724.8.

32 ~~*d.*~~ *d.* A permit issued to a certified peace officer shall
33 authorize that peace officer to go armed anywhere in the state
34 at all times, including on the grounds of a school.

35 ~~*e.*~~ *e.* Permits shall expire twelve months after the date

1 when issued except that permits issued to peace officers and
2 correctional officers, county attorneys, and assistant county
3 attorneys are valid through the ~~officer's~~ person's period of
4 employment unless otherwise canceled. When the employment is
5 terminated, the holder of the permit shall surrender it to the
6 issuing officer for cancellation.

7 2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, fire fighters, as defined
8 in section 411.1, subsection 10, airport fire fighters included
9 under section 97B.49B, and emergency medical care providers,
10 as defined in section 147A.1, county attorneys, as defined in
11 section 331.751, and assistant county attorneys, as defined
12 in section 331.757 shall not, as a condition of employment,
13 be required to obtain a permit under this section. However,
14 the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a person
15 designated as an arson investigator by the chief fire officer
16 of a political subdivision.

17 EXPLANATION

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

20 Under Code section 724.6, a person may be issued a
21 professional permit to carry weapons when the person's
22 employment in a private investigation business or private
23 security business, or a person's employment as a peace
24 officer, correctional officer, security guard, bank messenger
25 or other person transporting property of a value requiring
26 security, or in police work, reasonably justifies that person
27 going armed. This bill amends Code section 724.6 to allow
28 county attorneys and assistant county attorneys to obtain a
29 professional permit to carry weapons. A professional permit
30 to carry weapons issued to a county attorney or assistant
31 county attorney authorizes that person to go armed anywhere in
32 the state at all times except on the grounds of a school or
33 beyond a security screening station at a courthouse subject to
34 the rules, directives, and procedures of the judicial branch
35 and the judicial district. A county attorney or an assistant

1 county attorney seeking a professional permit to carry weapons
2 pursuant to the bill shall complete a law enforcement agency
3 firearm safety training course that qualifies a peace officer
4 to carry a firearm in the normal course of the peace officer's
5 duties, and not be disqualified from obtaining a professional
6 or nonprofessional permit to carry weapons. Permits issued
7 to county attorneys and assistant county attorneys are valid
8 through that person's period of employment unless otherwise
9 cancelled. The bill provides that county attorneys and
10 assistant county attorneys, as a condition of their employment,
11 shall not be required to obtain a professional permit to carry
12 weapons.