

Senate File 587 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(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 2019, 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.

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

30 ~~*d.*~~ *e.* Permits shall expire twelve months after the date
31 when issued except that permits issued to peace officers and
32 correctional officers, county attorneys, and assistant county
33 attorneys are valid through the officer's person's period of
34 employment unless otherwise canceled. When the employment is
35 terminated, the holder of the permit shall surrender it to the

1 issuing officer for cancellation.

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

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 Under Code section 724.6, a person may be issued a
16 professional permit to carry weapons when the person's
17 employment in a private investigation business or private
18 security business, or a person's employment as a peace
19 officer, correctional officer, security guard, bank messenger
20 or other person transporting property of a value requiring
21 security, or in police work, reasonably justifies that person
22 going armed. This bill amends Code section 724.6 to allow
23 county attorneys and assistant county attorneys to obtain a
24 professional permit to carry weapons. A professional permit to
25 carry weapons issued to a county attorney or assistant county
26 attorney authorizes that person to go armed anywhere in the
27 state at all times except on the grounds of a school or beyond
28 a security screening station at a courthouse subject to the
29 rules, directives, and procedures of the judicial branch and
30 the judicial district. Permits issued to county attorneys and
31 assistant county attorneys are valid through that person's
32 period of employment unless otherwise cancelled. The bill
33 provides that county attorneys and assistant county attorneys,
34 as a condition of their employment, shall not be required to
35 obtain a professional permit to carry weapons.