

House File 408 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the approval of organizations that may
2 certify persons to offer handgun safety training courses.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 724.9, subsection 1, paragraphs a and b,
2 Code 2021, are amended to read as follows:

3 a. Completion of ~~any national rifle association~~ a handgun
4 safety training course offered by an instructor certified by
5 an organization approved by the department of public safety
6 pursuant to section 724.9A.

7 b. Completion of any handgun safety training course
8 available to the general public offered by a law enforcement
9 agency, community college, college, private or public
10 institution or organization, or firearms training school,
11 utilizing instructors certified by ~~the national rifle~~
12 ~~association or~~ an organization approved by the department of
13 public safety pursuant to section 724.9A or another state's
14 department of public safety, state police department, or
15 similar certifying body.

16 Sec. 2. **NEW SECTION. 724.9A Approval of organizations that**
17 **may certify handgun safety training instructors.**

18 1. The department of public safety shall adopt rules to
19 approve organizations that may certify individuals as handgun
20 safety training instructors eligible to offer a handgun safety
21 training course under section 724.9, subsection 1, paragraphs
22 "a" and "b". The rules shall require a handgun safety training
23 instructor to apply to the organization for recertification at
24 least once every five years and shall require the organization
25 to pay a fee to cover costs necessary to maintain a list of
26 approved organizations and certified instructors.

27 2. The department shall maintain on the department's
28 internet site the following resources:

29 a. Applications for an organization to receive approval to
30 certify and recertify handgun safety training instructors.

31 b. A list of organizations approved under this section
32 that certify handgun safety training instructors and a list of
33 certified instructors. The department shall use an interface
34 that allows a user to sort the lists in a manner that provides
35 convenience to the user, such as but not limited to sorting

1 by geographic location or online instruction as opposed to
2 in-person, hands-on instruction.

3 c. General information relating to permits to carry weapons,
4 firearm safety, and training opportunities currently available
5 to the public.

6 EXPLANATION

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

9 This bill relates to the approval of organizations that may
10 certify individuals to offer a handgun safety training course.
11 Current law requires an applicant for an initial permit to
12 carry weapons to demonstrate knowledge of firearm safety. An
13 applicant may demonstrate knowledge of firearm safety by,
14 among other methods, completing any national rifle association
15 handgun safety training course or completing any handgun safety
16 training course available to the general public offered by
17 certain entities that utilize an instructor certified by the
18 national rifle association.

19 The bill requires the department of public safety
20 (department) to adopt rules to approve organizations that
21 may certify an individual as an instructor eligible to offer
22 certain handgun safety training courses. The rules shall
23 require a handgun safety training instructor to apply to the
24 organization for recertification at least once every five
25 years. The rules shall also require the department to charge a
26 fee to cover the costs necessary to maintain a list of approved
27 organizations and a list of certified instructors.

28 The bill requires the department to maintain on the
29 department's internet site applications for an organization
30 to receive approval to certify and recertify handgun safety
31 training instructors, a list of approved organizations
32 that certify handgun safety training instructors, a list
33 of certified instructors, and general information relating
34 to permits to carry weapons, firearm safety, and training
35 opportunities currently available to the public.