# House File 2083 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE 2083 BY JONES

## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act authorizing a county attorney to be issued a
- 2 professional permit to carry weapons.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 724.6, subsection 1, paragraph a, 2 subparagraph (1), Code 2024, is amended to read as follows: (1) A person may be issued a permit to carry weapons when 4 the person's employment in a private investigation business 5 or private security business licensed under chapter 80A, or a 6 person's employment as a peace officer, correctional officer, 7 county attorney, assistant county attorney, security guard, 8 bank messenger or other person transporting property of a value 9 requiring security, or in police work, reasonably justifies 10 that person going armed. Sec. 2. Section 724.6, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2024, 12 is amended by adding the following new subparagraph: NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (3) A person may be issued a permit 13 14 to carry weapons if the person is a county attorney or an 15 assistant county attorney. An application for a permit by 16 an assistant county attorney must be approved by the county 17 attorney of each county in which the applicant serves prior 18 to a permit to carry weapons being issued. The sheriff of 19 the issuing county may require the applicant to complete a 20 proficiency examination prior to issuing the permit to carry 21 weapons. The standards for a proficiency examination for a 22 county attorney or assistant county attorney shall not exceed 23 the standards required of a peace officer. The applicant 24 shall pay the reasonable costs associated with completing a 25 proficiency examination. 26 Sec. 3. Section 724.6, subsection 1, paragraphs b, c, and d, 27 Code 2024, are amended to read as follows: The permit shall be on a form prescribed and published by 28 29 the commissioner of public safety, shall identify the holder, 30 and shall state the nature of the employment requiring the 31 holder to go armed. A permit so issued, other than to a peace 32 officer, county attorney, or assistant county attorney, shall 33 authorize the person to whom it is issued to go armed anywhere 34 in the state, only while engaged in the employment, and while

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35 going to and from the place of the employment.

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- 1 c. A permit issued to a certified peace officer, county
  2 attorney, or assistant county attorney shall authorize that
- 3 peace officer, county attorney, or assistant county attorney to
- 4 go armed anywhere in the state at all times, including on the
- 5 grounds of a school.
- 6 d. Permits shall expire twelve months after the date
- 7 when issued except that permits issued to peace officers,
- 8 county attorneys, assistant county attorneys, and correctional
- 9 officers are valid through the officer's holder of the permit's
- 10 period of employment unless otherwise canceled. When the
- 11 employment is terminated, the holder of the permit shall
- 12 surrender it to the issuing officer for cancellation.
- 13 EXPLANATION
- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 16 This bill authorizes a county attorney to be issued a 17 professional permit to carry weapons.
- 18 The bill provides that a county attorney or assistant county
- 19 attorney may be issued a professional permit to carry weapons
- 20 under the provisions of Code section 724.6 (professional permit
- 21 to carry weapons) and subject to the following requirements:
- 22 an application for a permit by an assistant county attorney
- 23 must be approved by the county attorney of each county in which
- 24 the applicant serves prior to a permit to carry weapons being
- 25 issued; and the sheriff of the issuing county may require
- 26 the applicant, at the applicant's expense, to complete a
- 27 proficiency examination prior to the permit to carry weapons
- 28 being issued.
- 29 The bill provides that a permit issued to a county attorney
- 30 or assistant county attorney grants authorization to go armed
- 31 anywhere in the state at all times, including on the grounds
- 32 of a school.
- 33 The bill provides that permits issued to county attorneys
- 34 and assistant county attorneys are valid through the holder of
- 35 the permit's period of employment unless otherwise canceled.

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- 1 When the employment is terminated, the holder of the permit
- 2 is required to surrender it to the issuing officer for
- 3 cancellation.