

House Study Bill 168 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY BILL BY CHAIRPERSON
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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act authorizing a judicial officer to be issued a professional
- 2 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 2025, is amended to read as follows:

3 (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 judicial officer, county attorney, assistant county attorney,
8 security guard, bank messenger or other person transporting
9 property of a value requiring security, or in police work,
10 reasonably justifies that person going armed.

11 Sec. 2. Section 724.6, subsection 1, paragraph a,
12 subparagraph (4), Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

13 (4) A person may be issued a permit to carry weapons if the
14 person is a judicial officer, county attorney, or an assistant
15 county attorney. An application for a permit by an assistant
16 county attorney must be approved by the county attorney of
17 each county in which the applicant serves prior to a permit to
18 carry weapons being issued. The sheriff of the issuing county
19 may require the applicant to complete a proficiency examination
20 prior to issuing the permit to carry weapons. The standards
21 for a proficiency examination for a judicial officer, county
22 attorney, or assistant county attorney shall not exceed the
23 standards required of a peace officer. The applicant shall pay
24 the reasonable costs associated with completing a proficiency
25 examination.

26 Sec. 3. Section 724.6, subsection 1, paragraphs b, c, and d,
27 Code 2025, are amended to read as follows:

28 b. The permit shall be on a form prescribed and published by
29 the commissioner of public safety, shall identify the holder, and
30 shall state the nature of the employment requiring the holder to
31 go armed. A permit so issued, other than to a peace officer,
32 judicial officer, county attorney, or assistant county attorney,
33 shall authorize the person to whom it is issued to go armed
34 anywhere in the state, only while engaged in the employment, and
35 while going to and from the place of the employment.

1 c. A permit issued to a certified peace officer, judicial
2 officer, county attorney, or assistant county attorney shall
3 authorize that peace officer, judicial officer, county attorney,
4 or assistant county attorney to go armed anywhere in the state at
5 all times, including on the grounds of a school.

6 d. Permits shall expire twelve months after the date when
7 issued except that permits issued to peace officers, judicial
8 officers, county attorneys, assistant county attorneys, and
9 correctional officers are valid through the holder of the
10 permit's period of employment unless otherwise canceled. When
11 the employment is terminated, the holder of the permit shall
12 surrender ~~it~~ the permit to the issuing officer for cancellation.

13 Sec. 4. Section 724.6, subsection 3, Code 2025, is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 3. For purposes of this section, ~~"emergency medical care~~
16 ~~provider"~~:

17 a. "Emergency medical care provider" means the same as
18 defined in section 147A.1.

19 b. "Judicial officer" means the same as defined in section
20 602.1101.

21 EXPLANATION

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

24 This bill authorizes a judicial officer to be issued a
25 professional permit to carry weapons.

26 The bill provides that a judicial officer may be issued a
27 professional permit to carry weapons under the provisions of Code
28 section 724.6 (professional permit to carry weapons) under the
29 condition that the sheriff of the issuing county may require the
30 applicant, at the applicant's expense, to complete a proficiency
31 examination prior to the permit to carry weapons being issued.

32 The bill provides that a permit issued to a judicial officer
33 grants authorization to go armed anywhere in the state at all
34 times, including on the grounds of a school.

35 The bill provides that a permit issued to a judicial officer

1 is valid through the holder of the permit's period of employment
2 unless otherwise canceled. When the employment is terminated,
3 the holder of the permit is required to surrender the permit to
4 the issuing officer for cancellation.

5 The bill defines "judicial officer" as a supreme court
6 justice, a judge of the court of appeals, a district judge,
7 a district associate judge, an associate juvenile judge, an
8 associate probate judge, or a magistrate. The term also includes
9 a person who is temporarily serving as a justice, judge, or
10 magistrate as permitted by law.

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