

**Senate File 2153 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act authorizing a member of the general assembly to be issued
- 2 a 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 subparagraphs (1) and (4), Code 2026, are amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 (1) 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  
7 a person's employment as a member of the general assembly,  
8 peace officer, correctional officer, county attorney, assistant  
9 county attorney, security guard, bank messenger or other person  
10 transporting property of a value requiring security, or in police  
11 work, reasonably justifies that person going armed.

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

27 Sec. 2. Section 724.6, subsection 1, paragraphs b, c, and d,  
28 Code 2026, are amended to read as follows:

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

1 in the employment, and while going to and from the place of the  
2 employment.

3 c. A permit issued to a member of the general assembly,  
4 certified peace officer, county attorney, or assistant county  
5 attorney shall authorize that member of the general assembly,  
6 peace officer, county attorney, or assistant county attorney to  
7 go armed anywhere in the state at all times, including on the  
8 grounds of a school.

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

16 EXPLANATION

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

19 This bill authorizes a member of the general assembly  
20 to be issued a professional permit to carry weapons under  
21 the provisions of Code section 724.6. The bill directs an  
22 application for a permit by an applicant to be submitted to  
23 the sheriff for the county in which the applicant resides. The  
24 sheriff of the issuing county may require the applicant, at the  
25 applicant's expense, to complete a proficiency examination prior  
26 to the permit to carry weapons being issued.

27 The bill provides that a permit issued to a member of the  
28 general assembly grants authorization to go armed anywhere in the  
29 state at all times, including on the grounds of a school.

30 The bill provides that a permit issued to a member of the  
31 general assembly is valid through the holder of the permit's  
32 period of employment unless otherwise canceled. When the  
33 employment is terminated, the holder of the permit is required  
34 to surrender the permit to the issuing officer for cancellation.