

**Senate File 2280 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 2280  
BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3087)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the safety of persons in certain professions  
2 involved with the judicial system, including authorizing a  
3 member of the general assembly, judicial officer, attorney  
4 general, deputy attorney general, or assistant attorney  
5 general to be issued a professional permit to carry weapons,  
6 establishing the criminal offenses of threatening and the  
7 malicious sharing of personal information of a judicial  
8 officer or a judicial officer's immediate family, and  
9 considering true threats to public officials as harassment,  
10 and providing penalties.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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DIVISION I

PROFESSIONAL PERMIT TO CARRY WEAPONS

Section 1. Section 724.6, subsection 1, paragraph a, subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

(1) A person may be issued a permit to carry weapons when the person's employment in a private investigation business or private security business licensed under chapter 80A, or a person's employment as a peace officer, correctional officer, member of the general assembly, judicial officer, county attorney, assistant county attorney, attorney general, deputy attorney general, assistant attorney general, security guard, bank messenger or other person transporting property of a value requiring security, or in police work, reasonably justifies that person going armed.

Sec. 2. Section 724.6, subsection 1, paragraph a, subparagraph (4), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

(4) A person may be issued a permit to carry weapons if the person is a member of the general assembly, judicial officer, county attorney, or an assistant county attorney, attorney general, deputy attorney general, or assistant attorney general. An application for a permit by an assistant county attorney must be approved by the county attorney of each county in which the applicant serves prior to a permit to carry weapons being issued. An application for a permit by the attorney general or deputy attorney general or by an assistant attorney general shall be delivered to the sheriff for the county in which the applicant resides. The sheriff of the issuing county may require the applicant to complete a proficiency examination prior to issuing the permit to carry weapons. The standards for a proficiency examination for a member of the general assembly, judicial officer, county attorney, or assistant county attorney, attorney general, deputy attorney general, or assistant attorney general shall not exceed the standards required of a peace officer. The applicant shall pay the reasonable costs associated with completing a proficiency examination.

1 Sec. 3. Section 724.6, subsection 1, paragraphs b, c, and d,  
2 Code 2026, are amended to read as follows:

3 b. The permit shall be on a form prescribed and published  
4 by the commissioner of public safety, shall identify the holder,  
5 and shall state the nature of the employment requiring the  
6 holder to go armed. A permit so issued, other than to a peace  
7 officer, member of the general assembly, judicial officer, county  
8 attorney, ~~or~~ assistant county attorney, attorney general, deputy  
9 attorney general, or assistant attorney general, shall authorize  
10 the person to whom it is issued to go armed anywhere in the  
11 state, only while engaged in the employment, and while going to  
12 and from the place of the employment.

13 c. A permit issued to a certified peace officer, member  
14 of the general assembly, judicial officer, county attorney, ~~or~~  
15 assistant county attorney, attorney general, deputy attorney  
16 general, or assistant attorney general shall authorize that peace  
17 officer, member of the general assembly, judicial officer, county  
18 attorney, ~~or~~ assistant county attorney, attorney general, deputy  
19 attorney general, or assistant attorney general to go armed  
20 anywhere in the state at all times, including on the grounds of a  
21 school.

22 d. Permits shall expire twelve months after the date when  
23 issued except that permits issued to peace officers, members  
24 of the general assembly, judicial officers, county attorneys,  
25 assistant county attorneys, the attorney general, deputy  
26 attorneys general, assistant attorneys general, and correctional  
27 officers are valid through the holder of the permit's period  
28 of employment unless otherwise canceled. When the employment  
29 is terminated, the holder of the permit shall surrender ~~it~~ the  
30 permit to the issuing officer for cancellation.

31 Sec. 4. Section 724.6, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended by  
32 adding the following new paragraph:

33 NEW PARAGRAPH. e. Notwithstanding any other provision in  
34 this section, a person issued a permit to carry weapons under  
35 this section may carry weapons only in a concealed manner when

1 inside a courtroom. This paragraph does not apply to peace  
2 officers or correctional officers when fulfilling their duties of  
3 employment.

4 Sec. 5. Section 724.6, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 3. For purposes of this section, ~~"emergency medical care~~  
7 ~~provider"~~:

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

10 b. "Judicial officer" means the same as defined in section  
11 602.1101.

12 Sec. 6. Section 724.6, Code 2026, is amended by adding the  
13 following new subsection:

14 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. The supreme court may by rule impose  
15 additional training or other requirements on judicial officers  
16 who hold a permit issued under this section.

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DIVISION II

18 THREATS AGAINST A JUDICIAL OFFICER OR AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER  
19 OF A JUDICIAL OFFICER

20 Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. **708.17 Threatening a judicial officer**  
21 **or an immediate family member of a judicial officer.**

22 1. No person shall threaten a judicial officer or the  
23 immediate family member of a judicial officer with the intent to  
24 do any of the following:

25 a. Place the judicial officer or the immediate family member  
26 of a judicial officer in fear of serious injury to the judicial  
27 officer or the immediate family member of the judicial officer.

28 b. Prevent or interrupt the ability of the judicial officer  
29 to carry out the judicial officer's job duties.

30 c. Retaliate against a judicial officer in relation to the  
31 performance of the judicial officer's official duties during the  
32 judicial officer's term of service.

33 2. A person who violates the provisions of this section is  
34 guilty of a class "C" felony.

35 3. As used in this section:



1 address, personal phone number, or physical location.

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DIVISION IV

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THREATS INCLUDING TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS

4 Sec. 9. Section 708.7, subsection 1, Code 2026, is amended by  
5 adding the following new paragraph:

6 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. A person commits harassment when the  
7 person communicates a true threat, including an intent to cause  
8 bodily injury to a public official, as defined in section 68B.2,  
9 and the public official becomes aware of such communication  
10 within one year of the threat.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

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the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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This bill relates to the safety of persons in certain  
15 professions involved with the judicial system, including by  
16 authorizing a member of the general assembly, judicial officer,  
17 attorney general, deputy attorney general, and assistant attorney  
18 general to be issued a professional permit to carry weapons;  
19 establishing the criminal offenses of threatening and the  
20 malicious sharing of personal information of a judicial officer  
21 or a member of the judicial officer's immediate family; and  
22 considering true threats to public officials as harassment.

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DIVISION I. The bill provides that a permit issued to a member  
24 of the general assembly, judicial officer, attorney general,  
25 deputy attorney general, or assistant attorney general grants  
26 authorization to go armed anywhere in the state at all times,  
27 including on the grounds of a school.

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

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The bill defines "judicial officer" as a supreme court

1 justice, a judge of the court of appeals, a district judge,  
2 a district associate judge, an associate juvenile judge, an  
3 associate probate judge, or a magistrate. The term also includes  
4 a person who is temporarily serving as a justice, judge, or  
5 magistrate as permitted by law.

6 The bill allows the supreme court to impose additional  
7 training or other requirements on judicial officers who hold a  
8 permit issued under the bill.

9 DIVISION II. The bill establishes the offense of threatening  
10 a judicial officer or an immediate family member of a judicial  
11 officer.

12 The bill prohibits a person from threatening a judicial  
13 officer or the immediate family member of a judicial officer with  
14 the intent to do any of the following: placing the judicial  
15 officer or the immediate family member of a judicial officer in  
16 fear of serious injury to the judicial officer or the immediate  
17 family member of the judicial officer; preventing or interrupting  
18 the ability of the judicial officer to carry out the judicial  
19 officer's job duties; or retaliating against a judicial officer  
20 in relation to the performance of the judicial officer's official  
21 duties during the judicial officer's term of service. The bill  
22 defines "immediate family member" and "retaliation".

23 A person violating this division of the bill is guilty of  
24 a class "C" felony. A class "C" felony is punishable by  
25 confinement for no more than 10 years and a fine of at least  
26 \$1,370 but not more than \$13,660.

27 DIVISION III. The bill establishes the criminal offense of the  
28 malicious sharing of personal information of a judicial officer  
29 or an immediate family member of a judicial officer.

30 The bill prohibits a person from sharing the personal  
31 information of a judicial officer or the immediate family member  
32 of a judicial officer with the intent to do any of the following:  
33 causing harm to the judicial officer or the immediate family  
34 member of a judicial officer; placing the judicial officer or the  
35 immediate family member of a judicial officer in fear of serious

1 harm to the judicial officer or to an immediate family member of  
2 the judicial officer; or preventing or interrupting the ability  
3 to carry out the judicial officer's job duties. The bill defines  
4 "personal information".

5 A person violating this division of the bill is guilty of  
6 a serious misdemeanor. A serious misdemeanor is punishable by  
7 confinement for no more than one year and a fine of at least \$430  
8 but not more than \$2,560.

9 DIVISION IV. The bill provides that a person commits  
10 harassment when the person communicates a true threat, including  
11 an intent to cause bodily injury to a public official, and the  
12 public official becomes aware of the threat within one year.

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