

Senate File 2263 - Reprinted

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(As Amended and Passed by the Senate February 24, 2026)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the carrying, transportation, and possession
2 of weapons, and including effective date provisions.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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DIVISION I

FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, OR DANGEROUS WEAPONS — PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE
PARKING LOTS

Section 1. NEW SECTION. **724.4F Dangerous weapons in
publicly accessible parking lots.**

1. A person may carry, transport, or possess a dangerous
weapon in a privately owned motor vehicle on the real property
comprising a publicly accessible, nonsecure parking lot that is
operated by the state or a county, city, or township in the state
if the carrying, transportation, or possession of the dangerous
weapon is otherwise lawful under the laws of this state and if
the dangerous weapon remains out of sight and inside a locked
vehicle on the real property when the vehicle is unoccupied.

2. This section does not apply to a parking lot at a
facility, including an armory, owned or operated by the national
guard.

3. For purposes of this section, "facility" and "national
guard" mean the same as defined in section 29A.1.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this Act, being
deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

DIVISION II

FIREARMS IN VEHICLES TRANSPORTING FOSTER CHILDREN

Sec. 3. Section 237.3, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 14. Rules of the department shall not
prohibit the otherwise lawful carrying, transportation, or
possession of a firearm, regardless of whether the firearm is
loaded, in motor vehicles used to transport a child in foster
care.

DIVISION III

FIREARMS OR OFFENSIVE WEAPONS IN OR NEAR SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC PARKS

Sec. 4. Section 724.4A, Code 2026, is amended to read as
follows:

**724.4A ~~Weapons free zones~~ Schools and public parks —
enhanced penalties.**

1 ~~1. As used in this section, "weapons free zone" means the~~
2 ~~area in or on, or within one thousand feet of, the real property~~
3 ~~comprising a public or private elementary or secondary school,~~
4 ~~or in or on the real property comprising a public park. A~~
5 ~~weapons free zone shall not include that portion of a public park~~
6 ~~designated as a hunting area under section 461A.42.~~

7 ~~2. Notwithstanding sections 902.9 and 903.1, a person who~~
8 ~~commits a public offense involving a firearm or offensive weapon,~~
9 ~~within a weapons free zone~~ the area in or on, or within one
10 thousand feet of, the real property comprising a public or
11 private elementary or secondary school, or in or on the real
12 property comprising a public park, in violation of this or
13 any other chapter shall be subject to a fine of twice the
14 maximum amount which that may otherwise be imposed for the public
15 offense. This section shall not apply to any portion of a public
16 park designated as a hunting area under section 461A.42.