

**CHAPTER 166**  
**FIREARMS AND MUNITIONS**  
*H.F. 635*

**AN ACT** relating to weapons and munitions by considering the use of less lethal munitions by peace officers not a use of deadly force and relating to the possession of curio or relic firearms by members of certain organizations.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 704.2, subsections 3 and 4, Code 1997, are amended to read as follows:

3. The discharge of a firearm, other than a firearm loaded with less lethal munitions and discharged by a peace officer, corrections officer, or corrections official in the line of duty, in the direction of some person with the knowledge of the person's presence there, even though no intent to inflict serious physical injury can be shown.

4. The discharge of a firearm, other than a firearm loaded with less lethal munitions and discharged by a peace officer, corrections officer, or corrections official in the line of duty, at a vehicle in which a person is known to be.

Sec. 2. Section 704.2, Code 1997, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. As used in this section, "less lethal munitions" means projectiles which are designed to stun, temporarily incapacitate, or cause temporary discomfort to a person without penetrating the person's body.

Sec. 3. Section 724.2, Code 1997, is amended by adding the following new subsections:

NEW SUBSECTION. 8. A resident of this state, who possesses an offensive weapon which is a curio or relic firearm under the federal Firearms Act, 18 U.S.C. ch. 44, solely for use in the official functions of a historical reenactment organization of which the person is a member, if the offensive weapon has been permanently rendered unfit for the firing of live ammunition. The offensive weapon may, however, be adapted for the firing of blank ammunition.

NEW SUBSECTION. 9. A nonresident, who possesses an offensive weapon which is a curio or relic firearm under the federal Firearms Act, 18 U.S.C. ch. 44, solely for use in official functions in this state of a historical reenactment organization of which the person is a member, if the offensive weapon is legally possessed by the person in the person's state of residence and the offensive weapon is at all times while in this state rendered incapable of firing live ammunition. A nonresident who possesses an offensive weapon under this subsection while in this state shall not have in the person's possession live ammunition. The offensive weapon may, however, be adapted for the firing of blank ammunition.

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