



A BILL FOR

1 An act eliminating Iowa prohibitions on possessing and selling certain weapons as allowed under federal
2 law.

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

1 Section 1. Section 724.1, subsection 1, paragraph a, is amended by striking the paragraph.

2 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 724.1D Machine gun – penalty.

- 3 1. For purposes of this section, “machine gun” is a firearm which shoots or is designed to shoot
4 more than one shot, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger. A person
5 shall not knowingly possess a machine gun in violation of federal law.
6 2. A person who possesses a machine gun in violation of subsection 1 commits a class "D"
7 felony.

8 Sec. 3. Section 724.29 is amended by striking the section.

9 EXPLANATION

10 This bill relates to eliminating Iowa prohibitions on possessing and selling certain weapons as
11 allowed under federal law.

12 Under current Iowa law, a “machine gun” is designated as an “offensive weapon” making
13 possession illegal for those complying with the federal law, specifically the National Firearms Act of
14 1934. This bill removes “machine gun” from the “offensive weapon” designation and creates the
15 appropriate penalty section to align Iowa law with federal law, similar to Sections 724.1B and 724.1C for
16 firearm suppressors and short-barreled rifles, respectively. This bill also removes Section 724.29, which
17 creates a penalty for selling a device that increases the rate of fire of a firearm, a dubious gray area
18 between machine guns and semi-automatic firearms. This bill allows Iowa residents to sell and purchase
19 devices that do not meet the definition of machine gun and are otherwise legal under federal law.