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To amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 21, 2009

Mr. LEAHY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Law Enforcement Offi-
5 cers Safety Act Improvements Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**
2 **SAFETY PROVISIONS OF TITLE 18.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 926B of title 18, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(f) For the purposes of this section, a law enforce-
7 ment officer of the Amtrak Police Department or a law
8 enforcement or police officer of the executive branch of
9 the Federal Government qualifies as an employee of a gov-
10 ernmental agency who is authorized by law to engage in
11 or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or
12 prosecution of, or the incarceration of any person for, any
13 violation of law, and has statutory powers of arrest.”.

14 (b) ACTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.—Sec-
15 tion 926B of title 18, United States Code is amended by
16 striking subsection (e) and inserting the following:

17 “(e) As used in this section, the term ‘firearm’—

18 “(1) except as provided in this subsection, has
19 the same meaning as in section 921 of this title;

20 “(2) includes ammunition not expressly prohib-
21 ited by Federal law or subject to the provisions of
22 the National Firearms Act; and

23 “(3) does not include—

24 “(A) any machinegun (as defined in sec-
25 tion 5845 of the National Firearms Act);

1 “(B) any firearm silencer (as defined in
2 section 921 of this title); and

3 “(C) any destructive device (as defined in
4 section 921 of this title).”.

5 (c) RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.—Sec-
6 tion 926C of title 18, United States Code is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (c)—

8 (A) in paragraph (1)—

9 (i) by striking “retired” and inserting
10 “separated from service”; and

11 (ii) by striking “, other than for rea-
12 sons of mental instability”;

13 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “retire-
14 ment” and inserting “separation”;

15 (C) in paragraph (3)—

16 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
17 “retirement, was regularly employed as a
18 law enforcement officer for an aggregate of
19 15 years or more” and inserting “separa-
20 tion, served as a law enforcement officer
21 for an aggregate of 10 years or more”; and

22 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
23 “retired” and inserting “separated”;

24 (D) by striking paragraph (4) and insert-
25 ing the following:

1 “(4) during the most recent 12-month period,
2 has met, at the expense of the individual, the stand-
3 ards for qualification in firearms training for active
4 law enforcement officers, as determined by the
5 former agency of the individual, the State in which
6 the individual resides or, if the State has not estab-
7 lished such standards, a law enforcement agency
8 within the State in which the individual resides;”;
9 and

10 (E) by striking paragraph (5) and replac-
11 ing it with the following:

12 “(5)(A) has not been officially found by a quali-
13 fied medical professional employed by the agency to
14 be unqualified for reasons relating to mental health
15 and as a result of this finding will not be issued the
16 photographic identification as described in sub-
17 section (d)(1); or

18 “(B) has not entered into an agreement with
19 the agency from which the individual is separating
20 from service in which that individual acknowledges
21 he or she is not qualified under this section for rea-
22 sons relating to mental health and for those reasons
23 will not receive or accept the photographic identifica-
24 tion as described in subsection (d)(1);”;

25 (2) in subsection (d)—

1 (A) paragraph (1)—

2 (i) by striking “retired” and inserting
3 “separated”; and

4 (ii) by striking “to meet the stand-
5 ards” and all that follows through “con-
6 cealed firearm” and inserting “to meet the
7 active duty standards for qualification in
8 firearms training as established by the
9 agency to carry a firearm of the same type
10 as the concealed firearm”;

11 (B) paragraph (2)—

12 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
13 “retired” and inserting “separated”; and

14 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
15 “that indicates” and all that follows
16 through the period and inserting “or by a
17 certified firearms instructor that is quali-
18 fied to conduct a firearms qualification test
19 for active duty officers within that State
20 that indicates that the individual has, not
21 less than 1 year before the date the indi-
22 vidual is carrying the concealed firearm,
23 been tested or otherwise found by the
24 State or a certified firearms instructor that
25 is qualified to conduct a firearms qualifica-

1 tion test for active duty officers within that
2 State to have met—

3 “(I) the active duty standards for
4 qualification in firearms training, as
5 established by the State, to carry a
6 firearm of the same type as the con-
7 cealed firearm; or

8 “(II) if the State has not estab-
9 lished such standards, standards set
10 by any law enforcement agency within
11 that State to carry a firearm of the
12 same type as the concealed firearm.”;
13 and

14 (3) by striking subsection (e) and inserting the
15 following:

16 “(e) As used in this section—

17 “(1) the term ‘firearm’—

18 “(A) except as provided in this paragraph,
19 has the same meaning as in section 921 of this
20 title;

21 “(B) includes ammunition not expressly
22 prohibited by Federal law or subject to the pro-
23 visions of the National Firearms Act; and

24 “(C) does not include—

1 “(i) any machinegun (as defined in
2 section 5845 of the National Firearms
3 Act);

4 “(ii) any firearm silencer (as defined
5 in section 921 of this title); and

6 “(iii) any destructive device (as de-
7 fined in section 921 of this title); and

8 “(2) the term ‘service with a public agency as
9 a law enforcement officer’ includes service as a law
10 enforcement officer of the Amtrak Police Depart-
11 ment, or as a law enforcement or police officer of
12 the executive branch of the Federal Government.”.

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