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Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2003

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Chamber: Senate

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Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 218	Identical bill	Jul 22, 2004: Became Public Law No: 108-277.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced in the Senate on January 30, 2003. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2003 - Amends the Federal criminal code to authorize qualified law enforcement officers (including certain qualified retired officers) carrying the photographic identification issued by their governmental agency, notwithstanding State or local laws, to carry a concealed firearm. Provides that such authorization shall not supersede State laws that: (1) permit private entities to prohibit the possession of concealed firearms on their property; or (2) prohibit the possession of firearms on State or local government property. Excludes from the definition of "firearm" any machine gun, firearm silencer, or destructive device.

Actions Timeline

- Mar 26, 2003: By Senator Hatch from Committee on the Judiciary filed written report. Report No. 108-29. Additional and Minority views filed.
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- Mar 11, 2003: Star Print ordered on on the reported bill.
- Mar 6, 2003: Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
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- Mar 6, 2003: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 29.
- Jan 30, 2003: Introduced in Senate
- Jan 30, 2003: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1816-1817)
- Jan 30, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1817-1818)