

S 2565

Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Act of 2008

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Commemorations

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Biden, Joseph R., Jr. [D-DE]

Party: Democratic • State: DE • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	R · PA		Jan 29, 2008
Sen. Sununu, John E. [R-NH]	R · NH		Jan 29, 2008
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 4, 2008
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Feb 4, 2008
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Mar 3, 2008
Sen. Dole, Elizabeth [R-NC]	R · NC		Mar 6, 2008
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		May 6, 2008
Sen. Stevens, Ted [R-AK]	R · AK		May 8, 2008
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 21, 2008
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 25, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 24, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 4056	Related bill	Jul 28, 2008: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 905.
110 HR 3211	Related bill	Sep 10, 2007: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on June 24, 2008. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

**Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Act of 2008 - Title I: Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery** - Authorizes the Attorney General to award a Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery to a federal law enforcement officer who is cited by the Attorney General for performing an act of bravery while in the line of duty.

Sets forth criteria for nominating a law enforcement officer for such Badge. Requires nominated officers to have: (1) sustained a physical injury while engaged in lawful duties and performing an act of bravery that put such officer at personal risk; or (2) performed an act of bravery that placed such officer at risk of serious physical injury or death.

Establishes within the Department of Justice (DOJ) a Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board to: (1) design such Badge; (2) select an engraver to produce such Badges; and (3) recommend recipients. Sets forth administrative provisions relating to the Board, including its membership, operations, and powers.

Authorizes a Member of Congress to make a presentation of such a Badge to a federal law enforcement officer residing in such Member's congressional district. Directs the Attorney General to make such presentation otherwise.

**Title II: State And Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery** - Authorizes the Attorney General to award a State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery to a state or local law enforcement officer who is cited by the Attorney General for performing an act of bravery while in the line of duty.

Establishes a State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board within DOJ to design such Badge, select an engraver, and recommend recipients, who may be presented their Badge by their Member of Congress.

**Title III: Congressional Badge of Bravery Office** - Establishes in DOJ a Congressional Badge of Bravery Office to receive nominations for such Badges and to provide staff support to the Boards.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 31, 2008:** Signed by President.
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Became Public Law No: 110-298.
- **Jul 25, 2008:** Presented to President.
- **Jul 22, 2008:** Mr. Scott (VA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jul 22, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6736-6740)
- **Jul 22, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 2565.
- **Jul 22, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6736-6739)
- **Jul 22, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6736-6739)
- **Jul 22, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 22, 2008:** Cleared for White House.
- **Jul 8, 2008:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 8, 2008:** Held at the desk.
- **Jun 27, 2008:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 26, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S6300-6302; text as passed Senate: CR S6300-6302)
- **Jun 26, 2008:** Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6300-6302; text as passed Senate: CR S6300-6302)
- **Jun 24, 2008:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. Without written report.
- **Jun 24, 2008:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 833.
- **May 15, 2008:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Jan 29, 2008:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 29, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S447-448)
- **Jan 29, 2008:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.