

HR 962

Law Enforcement Officers Equity Act

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (105 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Feb 26, 2021
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Feb 26, 2021
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Feb 26, 2021
Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Feb 26, 2021
Rep. Stauber, Pete [R-MN-8]	R · MN		Feb 26, 2021
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Feb 26, 2021
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Mar 8, 2021
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Mar 16, 2021
Rep. Brown, Anthony G. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Mar 16, 2021
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Mar 16, 2021
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Mar 16, 2021
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Mar 16, 2021
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Mar 16, 2021
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Mar 16, 2021
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Mar 23, 2021
Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Mar 23, 2021
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Mar 23, 2021
Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Apr 5, 2021
Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]	D · FL		Apr 5, 2021
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Apr 5, 2021
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Apr 5, 2021
Rep. Crist, Charlie [D-FL-13]	D · FL		Apr 15, 2021
Rep. Delgado, Antonio [D-NY-19]	D · NY		Apr 15, 2021
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Apr 15, 2021
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Apr 15, 2021
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Apr 15, 2021
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Apr 16, 2021
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Apr 16, 2021
Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32]	D · TX		May 11, 2021
Rep. Ferguson, A. Drew, IV [R-GA-3]	R · GA		May 11, 2021
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		May 11, 2021

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Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		May 11, 2021
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		May 12, 2021
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		May 13, 2021
Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]	R · KY		May 17, 2021
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		May 17, 2021
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		May 19, 2021
Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		May 25, 2021
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		May 25, 2021
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		May 28, 2021
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Jun 4, 2021
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Jun 4, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Jun 23, 2021
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Jun 25, 2021
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Jun 28, 2021
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Jun 29, 2021
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		Jul 16, 2021
Rep. Kahele, Kaialii [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Jul 22, 2021
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Jul 28, 2021
Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	D · NJ		Sep 7, 2021
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Sep 21, 2021
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Oct 15, 2021
Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large]	R · AS		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Mann, Tracey [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Oct 25, 2021
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Oct 26, 2021
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Mrvan, Frank J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Nov 2, 2021
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Nov 2, 2021
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Nov 2, 2021
Rep. Newman, Marie [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Nov 16, 2021
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Dec 1, 2021
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Dec 1, 2021
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Dec 1, 2021
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Dec 7, 2021

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Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]	D · FL		Dec 14, 2021
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Jan 18, 2022
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Jan 18, 2022
Rep. Feenstra, Randy [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Mar 24, 2022
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Mar 24, 2022
Del. San Nicolas, Michael F. Q. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Mar 28, 2022
Rep. Golden, Jared F. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Mar 28, 2022
Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]	D · TX		Apr 4, 2022
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Apr 4, 2022
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Apr 4, 2022
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Apr 27, 2022
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Apr 27, 2022
Rep. Rogers, Mike D. [R-AL-3]	R · AL		Apr 27, 2022
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		May 10, 2022
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		May 10, 2022
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]	D · PA		May 27, 2022
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		May 27, 2022
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Jun 8, 2022
Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	D · VA		Jun 8, 2022
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie Ann [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Jul 12, 2022
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]	D · PA		Sep 22, 2022
Rep. Mfume, Kweisi [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Nov 14, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 11, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1888	Related bill	May 27, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Law Enforcement Officers Equity Act

This bill expands the definition of *law enforcement officer* under provisions of the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) and the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS).

Specifically, the bill expands the definition to include (1) federal employees whose duties encompass the investigation or apprehension of suspected or convicted criminals and who are authorized to carry a firearm; (2) Internal Revenue Service employees whose duties are primarily the collection of delinquent taxes and the securing of delinquent returns; (3) U.S. Postal Inspection Service employees; (4) Department of Veterans Affairs police officers; and (5) certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection employees who are seized-property specialists with duties relating to custody, management, and disposition of seized and forfeited property.

The bill deems service performed by an incumbent law enforcement officer on or after the enactment date of this bill to be service performed as a law enforcement officer for retirement purposes. The past service of such incumbents shall be treated as service performed by a law enforcement officer for retirement purposes only if a written election is submitted to the Office of Personnel Management within five years after the enactment of this bill or before separation from government service, whichever is earlier. An incumbent who makes an election before the enactment of this bill may pay a deposit into the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund to cover prior service.

A law enforcement officer shall not be subject to mandatory separation during the three-year period beginning on the enactment of this bill.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 11, 2021:** Introduced in House
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