

108TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2060

To permit certain local law enforcement officers to carry firearms on aircraft.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 10, 2004

Mr. REID introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to
the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

To permit certain local law enforcement officers to carry
firearms on aircraft.

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. AUTHORITY OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OF-**
4 **FICERS TO CARRY FIREARMS ON AIRCRAFT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary
7 of Transportation for Security shall prescribe regulations
8 that permit qualified local law enforcement officers to
9 carry accessible weapons while onboard an aircraft to the
10 same extent and subject to the same limits as Federal law
11 enforcement officers are permitted pursuant to section

1 1544.219 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, or any
2 successor regulation.

3 (b) QUALIFIED LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFI-
4 CER.—In this section, the term “qualified local law en-
5 forcement officer” means any full-time municipal, county,
6 or State law enforcement officer, whether or not on official
7 travel, who—

8 (1) is a direct employee of a government agency
9 that—

10 (A) employs more than 400 employees; and

11 (B) is accredited by a nationally recognized
12 law enforcement accreditation program;

13 (2) is armed in accordance with an agency-wide
14 policy established by the employing agency by direc-
15 tive or policy statement; and

16 (3) otherwise complies with the requirements
17 relating to Federal law enforcement officers.

○