

109TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 3621

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

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 29, 2006

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

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safer Skies Act of  
5 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFI-**  
7 **CERS TO CARRY FIREARMS ON AIRCRAFT.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 449 of  
9 title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
10 end the following:

1 **“§ 44926. Authority of local law enforcement officers**  
2 **to carry firearms on aircraft**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the  
4 date of the enactment of the Safer Skies Act of 2006, the  
5 Under Secretary of Transportation for Security shall pre-  
6 scribe regulations that permit qualified local law enforce-  
7 ment officers to carry accessible weapons while onboard  
8 an aircraft to the same extent and subject to the same  
9 limits as Federal law enforcement officers are permitted  
10 under section 1544.219 of title 49, Code of Federal Regu-  
11 lations, or any successor regulation.

12 “(b) QUALIFIED LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFI-  
13 CER.—In this section, the term ‘qualified local law en-  
14 forcement officer’ means any full-time State or local en-  
15 forcement officer, whether or not on official travel, who—

16 “(1) is a direct employee of a government agen-  
17 cy that—

18 “(A) employs more than 400 employees;

19 and

20 “(B) is accredited by a nationally recog-  
21 nized law enforcement accreditation program;

22 “(2) is armed in accordance with an agency-  
23 wide policy established by the employing agency by  
24 directive or policy statement; and

25 “(3) otherwise complies with the requirements  
26 relating to Federal law enforcement officers.”.

1           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
2 for chapter 449 of title 49, United States Code, is amend-  
3 ed by inserting after the item related to section 44925  
4 the following:

“Sec. 44926. Authority of local law enforcement officers to carry firearms on  
aircraft.”.

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