

108TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 2060

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

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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

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## A BILL

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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.

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