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## **“LEOSA Reform Act” to be Introduced in the House** *FOP worked closely with Rep. Bacon to revise previous bill*

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, applauded news that Representative Donald J. Bacon (R-NE) will introduce legislation entitled the “LEOSA Reform Act” tomorrow.

“We are pleased to have had the opportunity to work with Representative Bacon to revise his original bill to ensure that State and local law enforcement officers are protected,” Canterbury said. “He has proven to be a true partner on this effort and worked closely with the FOP to make sure our officers are physically safe and protected from legal jeopardy by closing existing loopholes in the statute.”

The legislation will be introduced tomorrow in the House by Representatives Bacon, John H. Rutherford (R-FL), a former sheriff, and Peter A. Stauber (R-MN), a 22-year veteran of the Duluth Police Department. The bill amends the Law Enforcement Officers’ Safety Act (LEOSA), which exempts qualified active and retired law enforcement officers from local and State prohibitions on the carriage of concealed firearms, to ensure that these officers are able to carry in the same venues as civilian concealed carry permit holders in areas like schools and national parks as well as use public transportation. The bill also extends the exemption to magazine capacity and would allow active and retired law enforcement officers to access services at U.S. post offices, Social Security Administration offices or Veterans’ Affairs facilities without disarming or securing their firearms elsewhere.

“I am very proud of the work that Representative Bacon and the FOP have done together on this bill and I look forward to that partnership continuing as we move this bill through the House and ultimately, to the President’s desk,” Canterbury said.

The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the United States, with more than 345,000 members.