

Subject Certain licensed and retired peace officers authorized to carry firearms in the Capitol

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Summary

Authorizes licensed and retired peace officers who possess a permit to carry under the federal Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act (LEOSA) to carry firearms in the Capitol. Under current law, only licensed peace officers who are performing official duties may carry firearms in the Capitol.

A LEOSA permit allows qualified active or retired Law Enforcement officers to carry a concealed firearm in any jurisdiction in the U.S. or U.S. Territories regardless of most state or local laws. LEOSA permit holders must, however, comply with state firearms law restrictions for public buildings.