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To amend title 18, United States Code, to improve safety and security for service weapons used by Federal law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 21, 2019

Mr. DESAULNIER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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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 “Federal Law Enforce-
5 ment and Public Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVING SAFETY AND SECURITY FOR SERVICE**
2 **WEAPONS USED BY FEDERAL LAW ENFORCE-**
3 **MENT OFFICERS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 203 of title 18, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

7 **“§ 3064. Safety and security of service weapons used**
8 **by Federal law enforcement officers**

9 “(a) The head of each civilian or military Federal law
10 enforcement agency shall prescribe requirements for the
11 safe locking and storage of service firearms when they are
12 not in use, to be followed by each Federal law enforcement
13 officer in that agency and each person who assists that
14 agency in its law enforcement functions, who carries a fire-
15 arm as a service weapon. The agency shall, subject to the
16 availability of appropriations, provide the appropriate
17 equipment needed to comply with those requirements to
18 each person to whom that agency’s requirements pre-
19 scribed under this subsection apply.

20 “(b) In prescribing the requirements under sub-
21 section (a) the head of each agency shall adopt the fol-
22 lowing minimum standards for safe storage and locking:

23 “(1) Officers are responsible for the safe stor-
24 age of their service firearm when not in their per-
25 sonal possession by using smart guns and smart

1 locks, trigger locks, safes, gunlock boxes, or other
2 means approved by the agency.

3 “(2) Service firearms shall not be stored in pa-
4 trol or personally owned vehicles except for tem-
5 porary storage when at court, when other options for
6 safekeeping are not available, or if authorized by the
7 agency.

8 “(3) Any violation of the requirements con-
9 stitutes grounds for discipline, for which the agency
10 shall consider imposing minimum punishment stand-
11 ards.

12 “(c) The head of each Federal civilian or military law
13 enforcement agency shall report any loss or theft of a serv-
14 ice firearm from that agency, any law enforcement officer
15 in that agency, or any person assisting such an officer—

16 “(1) to relevant State and local law enforce-
17 ment agencies; and

18 “(2) to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and
19 Firearms and the Federal Bureau of Investigation,
20 in order to facilitate the central availability of infor-
21 mation about the prevalence of such loss or theft.

22 “(d) The head of each civilian or military Federal law
23 enforcement agency shall take appropriate action to en-
24 sure that any person who assists that agency in its law

1 enforcement functions and carries a firearm in the course
2 of doing so is trained in safe storage and locking practices.

3 “(e) The head of each civilian and military Federal
4 law enforcement agency shall provide written materials to
5 each Federal law enforcement officer in that agency, and
6 each person who assists that agency in its law enforcement
7 functions, who carries a firearm as a service weapon,
8 about the statistical risks of keeping a firearm at home,
9 especially if it is easily accessible.

10 “(f) There are authorized to be appropriated to carry
11 out this section, including the provision of equipment
12 under subsection (a), such sums as may be necessary.”.

13 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
14 at the beginning of chapter 203 of title 18, United States
15 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
16 item:

“3064. Safety and security of service weapons used by Federal law enforcement
officers.”.

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