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**Legislative Update**  
**May 21, 2007**

On May 17, 2007 Senator Patrick J. Leahy (D-VT), Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary and sponsor of the legislation got bill S.376 out of Committee as introduced. In addition, staff with the National Legislative Office of the FOP have been working with Representatives Robert C. Scott (D-VA) and J. Randy Forbes (R-VA) to introduce a House companion bill to S. 376. It is expected that this legislation will be introduced this week. The Senate bill will be considered on the Senate floor, but there is no timetable for this yet.

Both bills would improve certain provisions of the Law Enforcement Officer's Safety Act (LEOSA), especially with respect to retired law enforcement officers, and would make clear that law enforcement officers employed by the Amtrak Police Department and the executive branch of the Federal Government who are classified as a GS-0083 meet the definition of "qualified law enforcement officer" in the LEOSA. The Senate bill would also lower the aggregate years of service needed to meet the definition of "qualified retired law enforcement officer" from fifteen (15) to ten (10) and removes confusing language related to that same definition.

We ask our members to contact their Representatives/Senators to support the FOP's efforts.

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