



NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

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Key Legislation in 2019- Bill Summaries

SAFE Banking Act- HR 1595:

This bill allows for financial institutions to provide services to marijuana businesses and service providers for marijuana businesses without any penalties. The goal is to increase public safety by providing risk free banking for marijuana businesses and service providers and reduce the amount of cash held at these businesses.

COPE Act of 2019- HR 1528:

This bill reauthorizes the comprehensive opioid abuse program. It now allocates \$330,000,000 for fiscal year 2019, and \$400,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024.

POWER Act-S. 954:

This bill provides grants for law enforcement to purchase chemical screening devices and training for these devices. The goal is to enhance efficiency and protect law enforcement officers.

National Law Enforcement Museum Commemorative Coin Act- HR 1865:

This bill requires the Secretary of the Treasury to mint a coin to commemorate the opening on the National Law Enforcement Museum and the service of law enforcement officers throughout history.

Cellphone Jamming Reform Act of 2019- S. 952:

This bill states that the Federal Communications Commission cannot prevent a state or federal institution from using cellphone jamming equipment.

Singh's Law- S. 599:

This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to aliens associated with criminal gangs.

Supporting and Treating Officers in a Crisis Act of 2019- S. 998:

This bill expands support for police officer family services, stress reduction, and suicide prevention by amending the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

Threat Assessment, Prevention and Safety Act (TAPS)- HR 838:

This bill creates a task force of experts to develop a national strategy to prevent targeted violence through behavioral threat assessment and management.

Protecting America's First Responders Act (PAFRA)- S.1208:

This bill amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 regarding payments to certain public safety officials who are permanently and totally disabled due to personal injuries sustained in the line of duty.

Bulletproof Vest Program Reauthorization- HR 2379:

This bill reauthorizes the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program that allows states and localities to purchase body armor vests for law enforcement officers.

Thin Blue Line Act- S. 1508:

This bill amends Title 18, United States Code to require the strongest possible penalty in federal cases for convicted murders who kill or target law enforcement officers.

Lifesaving Gear for Police Act- S. 1537:

This bill guarantees law enforcement officers have access to lifesaving equipment needed to defend themselves and civilians from terrorist attacks and violent criminals.

Restoring Armed Career Criminal Act- HR 2837:

This bill reinstates an important tool for prosecutors to seek enhanced penalties against violent, repeat offenders by creating a single category known as "serious felony," which is punishable by 10 years or more.

Back the Blue- S. 1480:

This bill protects law enforcement by imposing specific penalties for those who kill or assault law enforcement officials. It also addresses self-defense rights for law enforcement officials and the authority of law enforcement officers to carry firearms.

Bill's Promise Act- HR 3657:

This bill requires the Comptroller General of the United States to study how individuals on pretrial release who were charged with a Federal crime are monitored.

Efficient Drug Disposal Act- HR 6291:

This bill exempts incinerator units owned and operated by a Federal, State, or local law enforcement agency from certain requirements of the Clean Air Act when used for the sole purpose of destroying contraband or household pharmaceuticals.

CREATE Opportunities Act- S. 1983:

This bill authorizes the Attorney General to make grants to, and enter into cooperative agreements with, States and units of local government to develop, implement, or expand 1 or more programs to provide medication-assisted treatment to incarcerated individuals with opioid use disorder.

Anti-Sanctuary Cities Bill- S.

This bill withholds non-law enforcement funding for sanctuary cities.

Never Forget the Heroes: Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act- HR 1327/ S. 546

This bill funds the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 up to the fiscal year 2092. It establishes statutory authority to the Attorney General to appoint a special master and any two deputy special masters to administer the VCF, and it exempts the budgetary effects of the Pay-As-You-Go rules.

LEOSA Reform Act- HR 1156:

This bill amends Title 18, United States Code, to improve the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act and permit qualified current and retired law enforcement officers to carry firearms in certain federal facilities.

Stamp Out Elder Abuse Act of 2019- S. 1784

This bill provides for the issuance of a Stamp Out Elder Abuse Semi postal to raise awareness of and combat elder abuse and to fund for elder justice activities.

Martha Wright-Reed Just and Reasonable Communications Act- S. 1764

This bill amends the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to ensure just and reasonable charges for phone and advanced communications services in correctional and detention facilities.

MIEP (Markey):

This bill amends the Social Security Act to allow states to expand rather than terminate an individual's eligibility for Medicaid as an inmate of a public institution.

Don't Break Up the T-Band Act of 2019- HR 451:

This bill repeals the requirement for the Federal Communications Commission to reallocate and auction the "T-Band Spectrum" (frequency range used by public safety entities in urban areas).

Combatting Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing, and Counterfeiting Act of 2019- S. 1883:

This bill improves the prohibitions on money laundering.

Law Enforcement Suicide Data Collection-HR 3735:

This bill requires the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to provide information on suicide rates in law enforcement including circumstances and events, location, demographic information, and method of suicide.

Medical Marijuana Research Act of 2019- HR 3797:

This bill amends the Controlled Substances Act to make marijuana accessible for use by qualified marijuana researchers for medical purposes.

Emergency Security Grant Funding Bill (DRAFT – Brown)

EAGLES Act of 2019- S. 495:

This bill amends Title 18 United States Code to reauthorize and expand the National Threat Assessment Center of the Department of Homeland Security.