

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1143

To amend title 18, United States Code, to require the Bureau of Prisons to provide secure storage areas on institution grounds outside the secure perimeter for employees authorized to carry a firearm.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 2013

Mr. STOCKMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 Correctional
5 Workers Safety Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 (1) The Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act,
8 enacted in 2004 and later amended by the Law En-

1 enforcement Officers Safety Act Improvements Act of
2 2010, gives law enforcement officers, including Bu-
3 reau of Prisons (BOP) employees, the right to carry
4 a concealed firearm in all fifty States for self-protec-
5 tion.

6 (2) The intent of the law is to allow law en-
7 forcement officers to protect themselves while off
8 duty.

9 (3) Correctional workers in the BOP have been
10 the targets of assaults and murders while off duty.

11 (4) While this law allows officers to protect
12 themselves off duty, the BOP does not allow staff to
13 carry their personal weapon on the grounds of most
14 facilities when commuting to and from work.

15 (5) The BOP allows carry to and from work
16 and storage at approximately 15 facilities in the
17 BOP, but they do not reasonably explain why they
18 allow some BOP staff to carry on BOP property
19 while others are not allowed.

20 **SEC. 3. SECURE FIREARMS STORAGE IN PRISON.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 303 of title 18, United
22 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
23 lowing:

1 **“§ 4049. Secure firearms storage in prison**

2 “The Director of the Bureau of Prisons shall ensure
3 that each prison facility provides a secure firearms storage
4 area for use by all persons employed by the Bureau at
5 the facility who are authorized to carry a firearm, or allow
6 employees authorized to carry a firearm to store their fire-
7 arm in a Bureau-approved vehicle lockbox.”.

8 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
9 at the beginning of chapter 303 of title 18, United States
10 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“4049. Secure firearms storage in prison.”.

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