

# HR4827

**Sponsor:**
[Horn \(R-CA\)](#)
**Brief Title:**

Enhanced Federal Security Act of 2000

**Official Title:**

A bill to amend title 18, U.S. Code, to prevent the entry by false pretenses to any real property, vessel, or aircraft of the United States or secure area of any airport, to prevent the misuse of genuine and counterfeit police badges by those seeking to commit a crime, and for other purposes.

**Introduced:**

July 12, 2000

**Committees:**

House Judiciary

**Related Bills:**

See [HR2633](#)

**Cosponsors:**

19 cosponsors (Dems: 9 Reps: 10 Inds: 0)

Barcia (D-MI)	Dreier (R-CA)	Myrick (R-NC)
Bereuter (R-NE)	Green, G. (D-TX)	Pascrell Jr. (D-NJ)
Berkley (D-NV)	Holden (D-PA)	Ramstad (R-MN)
Bilbray, B. (R-CA)	Inslee (D-WA)	Smith, A. (D-WA)
Camp, D. (R-MI)	Kuykendall (R-CA)	Visclosky (D-IN)
Clement (D-TN)	McCollum (R-FL)	
Cook, M. (R-UT)	Miller, Gary (R-CA)	

**July 12, 2000** – Read twice and referred to: Committee on the Judiciary. (Congressional Record p. [H5954](#))

**July 12, 2000** – Original cosponsor(s): 11

McCollum (R-Fla.)	Clement (D-Tenn.)	Ramstad (R-Minn.)
Barcia (D-Mich.)	Green, G. (D-Texas)	Smith, Adam (D-Wash.)
Berkley (D-Nev.)	Miller, Gary (R-Calif.)	Visclosky (D-Ind.)

Cook, M. (R-Utah)

Myrick (R-N.C.)

**July 12, 2000** – HORN, R-Calif., House speech: Introduces the Enhanced Federal Security Act of 2000. (Text of bill.) (Congressional Record p. [E1228](#))

**July 13, 2000** – Cosponsor(s) added: 1

Inslee (D-Wash.)

**July 20, 2000** – Cosponsor(s) added: 2

Kuykendall (R-Calif.)

Holden (D-Pa.)

**July 20, 2000** – Subcommittee consideration and markup held by the House Judiciary committee, Subcommittee on Crime.

**July 20, 2000** – Subcommittee vote: Law Enforcement Identification – En Block Amendments

Scott, D-Va. – Amendment would clarify that there must be criminal intent for the illegal use or possession of fake or authentic police badges or unauthorized entry into federal buildings or secure areas of airports to be a federal offense; Excepts the use of fake or actual police credentials for recreational purposes from prosecution. Withdrawn.

**July 20, 2000** – Subcommittee vote: Law Enforcement Identification – Approval  
Designates as a federal crime the misuse or sale of real or false law enforcement badges. Establishes sentencing guidelines that those convicted of entering government facilities or secure airport areas under false pretenses should face fines and up to five years imprisonment. Establishes that buyers and sellers of fake police credentials and unauthorized people who receive or transfer valid police credentials could be fined and jailed up to six months. Approved for full committee consideration by voice vote.

**July 24, 2000** – Cosponsor(s) added: 1

Bereuter (R-Neb.)

**Sept. 7, 2000** – Cosponsor(s) added: 1

Pascrell Jr. (D-N.J.)

**Sept. 20, 2000** – Cosponsor(s) added: 1

Dreier (R-Calif.)

**Sept. 20, 2000** – Full Committee consideration and markup held by the House Judiciary committee.

**Sept. 20, 2000** – Committee vote: Fraudulent Police Badges – Sentence Reduction  
McCollum, R-Fla. – Reduce the sentence in the bill for posing as a police officer from two years to six months; stipulate that a person posing as an officer with the intent to commit a crime, must intend to commit a felony instead of any crime; clarify that a person will not be held accountable for any fake police badge that is considered a memento or part of a collection. Adopted by voice vote.

**Sept. 20, 2000** – Committee vote: Fraudulent Police Badges – Vote to Report  
Stipulate that anyone who enters federal property or a secure airport pretending to be an officer will be subject to a fine and six months in jail. Stipulate that if such a person intends to commit a felony, the punishment will be a fine and up to five years in jail. Establish that anyone who transfers, transports or receives -- through interstate or foreign commerce -- a counterfeit police badge shall be subject to a fine and up to six months in prison. Clarify that this would apply to those who transfer a real police badge to someone who should not have it as well. Provide exceptions for those people who have fake badges as mementos, in a collection or exhibit, for decorative purposes, for dramatic presentation or film or television production, or for recreational purposes. Define 'genuine police badge' as an official badge issued by public authority to identify an individual as a law enforcement officer having police powers. Define 'counterfeit police badge' as an item that so resembles a police badge that it would deceive an ordinary person into believing it was genuine. Reported favorably to the full House by voice vote.

**Sept. 21, 2000** – Cosponsor(s) added: 1

Bilbray, B. (R-Calif.)

**Sept. 25, 2000** – Cosponsor(s) added: 1

Camp, D. (R-Mich.)

**Sept. 28, 2000** – Reported to the House amended by the House Judiciary Committee and placed on the Union Calendar by unanimous consent. [HRpt. 106-913](#) (Congressional Record p. [H8468](#))

**Oct. 2, 2000** – Canady, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill. (Congressional Record p. [H8570-H8572](#))

**Oct. 2, 2000** – Measure passed in the House by voice vote, under suspension of the rules (two-thirds vote required). (Text of bill, as passed in the House, appears on pgs. H8570-H8571 of the Oct. 2, 2000, Congressional Record.) (Congressional Record p. [H8572](#))

**Dec. 6, 2000** – Considered by the Senate. (Congressional Record p. [S11655](#))

**Dec. 6, 2000** – Measure passed in the Senate by unanimous consent. (Congressional Record p. [S11655](#))

**Dec. 6, 2000** – Measure has now been cleared for enrollment. (Congressional Record p. [S11655](#))

**Dec. 8, 2000** – Enrolled measure signed in the House. (Congressional Record p. [H12065](#))

**Dec. 8, 2000** – Enrolled measure signed in the Senate. (Congressional Record p. [S11761](#))

**Dec. 8, 2000** – Submitted to the President. (Congressional Record p. [H12094](#))

**Dec. 19, 2000** – Signed by the president.

**Dec. 19, 2000** – Became Public Law, P.L. 106-547, 114 Stat. 2738.



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