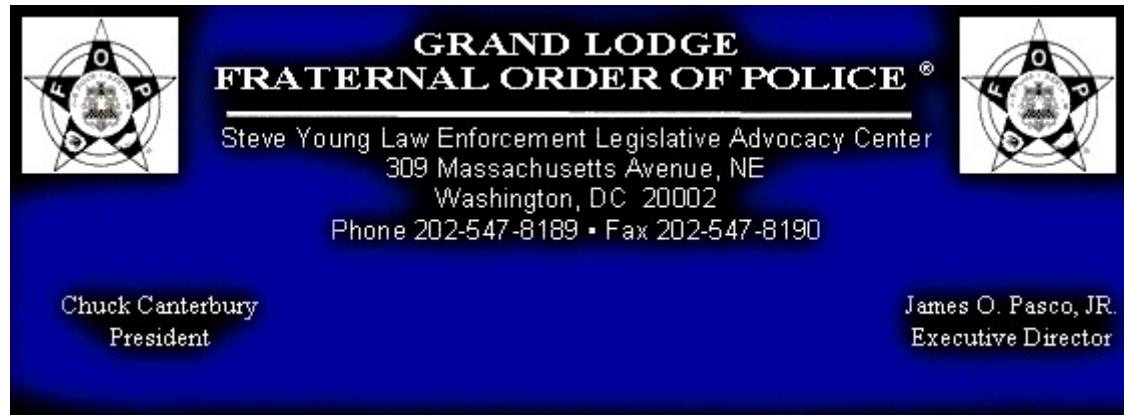


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Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, thanked President Barack H. Obama II, who kept his word and signed S. 1132, the "Law Enforcement Officers' Safety Act Improvements Act," into law this evening.

"Many of our retired officers, who had been facing significant hurdles because some States have failed to implement the law as intended by Congress. will now be able to overcome those obstacles," Canterbury said.

The legislation, which was crafted by Senator Patrick J. Leahy (D-VT), Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary and author of the original statute, will improve certain provisions of the Law Enforcement Officers' Safety Act (LEOSA), especially with respect to retired law enforcement officers. Chairman Leahy worked hand-in-hand with the FOP to develop the legislation, which also makes clear that law enforcement officers employed by the Amtrak and Federal Reserve Police Departments, as well as those employed by the executive branch of the Federal Government who are classified as GS-0083s-- especially the U.S. Department of Defense--meet the definition of "qualified law enforcement officer" in current law. The new law also lowers 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.

"No other law enforcement organizations or police groups took played any role in its successful passage despite intense interest in the bill on the part of active and retired officers," Canterbury said. "The FOP made this bill a top priority and we got it done."

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