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# H. R. 9529

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 14, 2022

Mr. BACON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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 “Defense Law Enforce-  
5 ment Officer Credential Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. STANDARDIZED CREDENTIALS FOR LAW ENFORCE-**  
2 **MENT OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**  
3 **DEFENSE.**

4 (a) STANDARDIZED CREDENTIALS REQUIRED.—Not  
5 later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of  
6 this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall ensure that—

7 (1) the Secretary of each military department  
8 develops standardized credentials for Defense law  
9 enforcement officers under their respective authority;

10 (2) the Secretary of each military department  
11 issues such credential to each such officer at no cost  
12 to such officer; and

13 (3) any Department of Defense common access  
14 card issued to such an officer clearly identifies the  
15 officer as a Defense law enforcement officer.

16 (b) DEFENSE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER DE-  
17 FINED.—In this section, the term “Defense law enforce-  
18 ment officer” means a member of the Armed Forces or  
19 civilian employee of the Department of Defense who—

20 (1) is authorized by law to engage in or super-  
21 vise the prevention, detection, investigation, or pros-  
22 ecution of, or the incarceration of any person for,  
23 any violation of law;

24 (2) has statutory powers of arrest or apprehen-  
25 sion under section 807(b) of title 10, United States

1 Code (article 7(b) of the Uniform Code of Military  
2 Justice); and

3 (3) is authorized by the Department to carry a  
4 firearm.

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