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# H. R. 8142

To provide standardized identification credentials for Department of Defense law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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 “Department of Defense  
5 Law Enforcement 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—

7 (1) develop a standardized identification creden-  
8 tial for Defense law enforcement officers;

9 (2) issue such credential to each such officer at  
10 no cost to such officer; and

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

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

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

23 (2) has statutory powers of arrest or apprehen-  
24 sion under section 807(b) of title 10, United States  
25 Code (article 7(b) of the Uniform Code of Military  
26 Justice); and

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

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