

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4477

To authorize Federal judges to carry firearms.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 8, 2005

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania 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. AUTHORITY OF FEDERAL JUDGES TO CARRY**
4 **FIREARMS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 44 of title 18, United
6 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 926C
7 the following new section:

8 **“§ 926D. Carrying of firearms by Federal judges**

9 “(a) AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
10 sion of the law of any State or any political subdivision
11 thereof, an individual who is a Federal judge and who is
12 carrying the identification required by subsection (d), may

1 carry a firearm, whether concealed or not, subject to sub-
2 section (b).

3 “(b) CONSTRUCTION.—This section shall not be con-
4 strued to supersede or limit the laws of any State that—

5 “(1) permit private persons or entities to pro-
6 hibit or restrict the possession of concealed firearms
7 on their property; or

8 “(2) prohibit or restrict the possession of fire-
9 arms on any State or local government property, in-
10 stallation, building, base, or park.

11 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section—

12 “(1) the term ‘Federal judge’ means—

13 “(A) any justice of the United States or
14 judge of the United States (as defined in sec-
15 tion 451 of title 28;

16 “(B) any judge of a court created under
17 article I of the United States Constitution;

18 “(C) any bankruptcy judge; and

19 “(D) any magistrate judge; and

20 “(2) the term ‘firearm’ does not include—

21 “(A) any machinegun (as defined in sec-
22 tion 5845 of the National Firearms Act);

23 “(B) any firearm silencer (as defined in
24 section 921 of this title); and

1 “(C) any destructive device (as defined in
2 section 921 of this title).

3 “(d) IDENTIFICATION.—The identification required
4 by this subsection is the photographic identification issued
5 by the United States Government identifying the indi-
6 vidual concerned as a justice or judge described in sub-
7 paragraph (A), (B), (C), or (D) of subsection (c)(1), as
8 the case may be.”.

9 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
10 tions for chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, is
11 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
12 926C the following new item:

“926D. Carrying of firearms by Federal judges.”.

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