

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 926

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize Department of Veterans Affairs police officers to execute on Department property arrest warrants of a State or local government within the jurisdiction of which such Department property is located.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 17, 2005

Mr. GERLACH (for himself and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “VA Police Powers
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
2 **FAIRS POLICE OFFICERS TO EXECUTE AR-**
3 **REST WARRANTS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOV-**
4 **ERNMENTS.**

5 Section 902(a) of title 38, United States Code, is
6 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
7 graph:

8 “(4)(A) Subject to subparagraph (B) and the regula-
9 tions prescribed under subsection (b), a Department police
10 officer may execute on Department property any arrest
11 warrant issued by a court or officer of competent jurisdic-
12 tion of a State or local government within the jurisdiction
13 of which such Department property is located.

14 “(B) An arrest warrant described in subparagraph
15 (A) may be enforced under this paragraph only as author-
16 ized by an express grant of authority under applicable
17 State or local law.”.

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