

Justice Appropriations Authorization Act, and not as part of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act of 2001 which comprises this chapter.

AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 109-162 substituted “2009” for “2006”.

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In this chapter:

**(1) Federal agency head**

The term “Federal agency head” means the head of any executive, legislative, or judicial branch Government entity that employs Federal law enforcement officers.

**(2) Federal Board**

The term “Federal Board” means the Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board established under section 15243(a) of this title.

**(3) Federal Board members**

The term “Federal Board members” means the members of the Federal Board appointed under section 15243(c) of this title.

**(4) Federal Law Enforcement Badge**

The term “Federal Law Enforcement Badge” means the Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery described in section 15241 of this title.

**(5) Federal law enforcement officer**

The term “Federal law enforcement officer”—

(A) means a Federal employee—

(i) who has statutory authority to make arrests or apprehensions;

(ii) who is authorized by the agency of the employee to carry firearms; and

(iii) whose duties are primarily—

(I) engagement in or supervision of the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of, or the incarceration of any person for, any violation of law; or

(II) the protection of Federal, State, local, or foreign government officials against threats to personal safety; and

(B) includes a law enforcement officer employed by the Amtrak Police Department or Federal Reserve.

**(6) Office**

The term “Office” means the Congressional Badge of Bravery Office established under section 15261(a) of this title.

**(7) State and Local Board**

The term “State and Local Board” means the State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board established under section 15253(a) of this title.

**(8) State and Local Board members**

The term “State and Local Board members” means the members of the State and Local Board appointed under section 15253(c) of this title.

**(9) State and Local Law Enforcement Badge**

The term “State and Local Law Enforcement Badge” means the State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery described in section 15251 of this title.

**(10) State or local agency head**

The term “State or local agency head” means the head of any executive, legislative, or judicial branch entity of a State or local government that employs State or local law enforcement officers.

**(11) State or local law enforcement officer**

The term “State or local law enforcement officer” means an employee of a State or local government—

(A) who has statutory authority to make arrests or apprehensions;

(B) who is authorized by the agency of the employee to carry firearms; and

(C) whose duties are primarily—

(i) engagement in or supervision of the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of, or the incarceration of any person for, any violation of law; or

(ii) the protection of Federal, State, local, or foreign government officials against threats to personal safety.

(Pub. L. 110-298, § 2, July 31, 2008, 122 Stat. 2985.)

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 110-298, § 1, July 31, 2008, 122 Stat. 2985, provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Act of 2008.’”

**SUBCHAPTER I—FEDERAL LAW ENFORCE-  
MENT CONGRESSIONAL BADGE OF BRAV-  
ERY**

**§ 15241. Authorization of a Badge**

The Attorney General may award, and a Member of Congress or the Attorney General may present, in the name of Congress a Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery to a Federal law enforcement officer who is cited by the Attorney General, upon the recommenda-