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## **LAW ENFORCEMENT MENTAL HEALTH BILL IS NOW LAW**

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, welcomed today's news that President Donald J. Trump signed H.R. 2228, the "Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act," into law.

"This legislation, which the FOP was proud to have played a major role in developing and crafting, is now law," Canterbury said. "We look forward to working with our partners in the Justice Department when they begin this important first step to improve the mental health and wellness of our nation's law enforcement officers."

The new law directs the U.S. Attorney General to identify existing mental health and wellness programs, especially those administered by the U.S. Departments of Defense, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs, and then develop model policies which could be adopted by State, local and tribal law enforcement agencies. It also authorizes the establishment of pilot peer mentoring programs using Federal grants.

See also the FOP's previous press releases on this legislation:

- [https://fop.net/CmsDocument/Doc/pr\\_2017-1222.pdf](https://fop.net/CmsDocument/Doc/pr_2017-1222.pdf)
- <https://fop.net/CmsDocument/Doc/FOP%20on%20Mental%20Health.pdf>
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