

**THE L.E.O.S.A. IDENTIFICATION CREDENTIAL YOU HAVE SCANNED  
IS AN OFFICIAL CREDENTIAL ISSUED BY THE  
NEW JERSEY STATE POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION**



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**On the date of issuance, the individual whose name and photo appear on that card (bearer) was in possession of the documents necessary to be considered a Qualified Retired Law Enforcement Officer (QRLEO) in accordance with Title 18 United States Code 926C, the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA).**

When in possession of a photo identification issued by a Law Enforcement Agency identifying the bearer as a Retired (or separated from service in good standing) Law Enforcement Officer, and proof of firearm qualification issued within the last 12 months, the bearer is authorized to carry concealed firearms anywhere in the United States of America including political subdivisions thereof, regardless of state and local laws governing the carrying of concealed firearms.

The QRLEO is NOT required to possess a state or local government issued firearms carry permit, as affirmed by United States District Court, District of New Jersey on 21 June 2022 by Judge Zahid N. Quraishi. The US District Court also ORDERED that the State of New Jersey is PROHIBITED from arresting and/or prosecuting any QRLEO who has the identification required by 18 U.S.C. 926C(d) regardless of their state of residence or the agency from which they retired.

The firearms which can be carried concealed by the bearer are not limited to handguns. As long as the firearms are concealed, the bearer is authorized to carry any firearm, including rifles and shotguns, as long as the bearer has proof of successfully completing the active law enforcement qualification program for the type of firearm being carried. The types of firearms the bearer may not carry are machine guns, silencers, and destructive devices. The QRLEO can also carry any type of ammunition that is not prohibited by federal law.

Proof of firearms qualification can be in any form, i.e.: letter, card, certificate, document, etc. Proof of firearms qualification DOES NOT have to be issued by a state agency.

**This credential is not required for the QRLEO to be authorized to carry concealed firearms.**

This credential is issued by the New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association, to qualified members, to serve as an additional identification and educational document intended to assist law enforcement in determining who is authorized to carry concealed firearms in accordance with L.E.O.S.A. (18 U.S.C. 926C).

**This identification credential does not constitute authorization to carry a concealed firearm.**

Firearms qualification document and retired law enforcement identification, issued by the law enforcement agency the QRLEO retired from, are the only documents required to be authorized to carry concealed firearms in accordance with L.E.O.S.A. (18 U.S.C. 926C).

**This identification credential does not constitute retired law enforcement identification.**

Retired law enforcement identification, issued by the law enforcement agency the QRLEO retired (or separated in good standing) from, is required to be authorized to carry concealed firearms in accordance with L.E.O.S.A. (18 U.S.C. 926C).

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