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H. R. 5188

To direct the Secretary of Defense to establish blast safety officer positions in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Space Force.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

Mr. KHANNA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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. ESTABLISHMENT OF BLAST SAFETY OFFICER**
4 **POSITIONS.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than September 30,
6 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall establish blast safety
7 officer positions in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air
8 Force, and Space Force.

9 (b) DUTIES.—Duties of a blast safety officer shall in-
10 clude the following, in accordance with standards estab-

1 lished pursuant to section 735 of the James M. Inhofe
2 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023
3 (Public Law 117–263; 10 U.S.C. 1071 note):

4 (1) Monitoring and mitigating blast and over-
5 pressure exposure to members of such Armed Forces
6 during live-fire or explosive exercises, including
7 breaching exercises. A blast safety officer may order
8 the cessation of such an exercise if exposure exceeds
9 safe thresholds.

10 (2) Briefing members of such Armed Forces,
11 before an exercise, regarding the health risks of
12 blast exposure and mitigation protocols (including
13 minimum safe distances).

14 (3) Overseeing the use of personal protective
15 equipment and wearable sensors by such members
16 during such an exercise.

17 (4) Investigating blast overpressure incidents,
18 reporting findings, and coordinating with health care
19 providers to address risks to the health of affected
20 members.

21 (5) Maintaining blast overpressure exposure
22 logs to support future mitigation.

23 (6) Coordinating with range safety officers and
24 personnel.

1 (c) ASSIGNMENTS.—The Secretary of a military de-
2 partment concerned shall assign a blast safety officer to
3 each special mission unit in each such Armed Forces.

4 (d) TRAINING; CERTIFICATION.—A blast safety offi-
5 cer shall receive training and maintain a certification in
6 blast safety.

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