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# H. R. 5615

To amend title 32, United States Code, to establish the FireGuard Program as a program of record of the National Guard.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

Mr. WHITESIDES (for himself, Mr. CRANK, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. GARAMENDI, and Mr. CROW) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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. FIREGUARD PROGRAM: PROGRAM OF RECORD;**

4 **AUTHORIZATION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 510 of title 32, United  
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) by striking “may” and inserting  
9 “shall”;

1 (B) by inserting “of record” after “carry  
2 out a program”; and

3 (C) by striking “Such a program” and in-  
4 sserting “Such program”; and

5 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
6 sections:

7 “(c) ANNUAL BRIEFING.—Not later than one year  
8 after the date of the enactment of the National Defense  
9 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, the Secretary  
10 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the  
11 Senate and House of Representatives the first of five an-  
12 nual briefings regarding the FireGuard Program. Such a  
13 briefing shall include, with regards to the year preceding  
14 the date of the briefing, the following elements:

15 “(1) The States (as such term is defined in sec-  
16 tion 901 of this title), counties, municipalities, and  
17 Tribal governments that received information under  
18 the FireGuard Program.

19 “(2) A comparative analysis of a map of—

20 “(A) each wildfire, initially provided to an  
21 entity described in paragraph (1) through the  
22 FireGuard Program; and

23 “(B) the perimeter of such wildfire after  
24 containment.

1           “(3) An analysis of the time between the detec-  
2           tion of a fire via raw satellite data and alerts being  
3           sent to local responders.

4           “(4) A review of efforts undertaken to integrate  
5           emerging satellite and aerial surveillance tech-  
6           nologies from qualified private, nonprofit, and public  
7           sector sources.

8           “(d) SUNSET.—The FireGuard Program shall termi-  
9           nate on December 31, 2031.”.

10          (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The heading of such  
11          section is amended by striking “**Authorization for**”.

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