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To amend title 10, United States Code, to limit the authority of the Department of Defense and other Federal law enforcement personnel to support civilian law enforcement activities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LICCARDO (for himself, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. DOGETT, Ms. NORTON, Ms. TITUS, Ms. ANSARI, Ms. RIVAS, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. LIEU, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. RANDALL, Mr. MCGARVEY, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. BELL, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. TRAN, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. JAYAPAL, and Ms. MORRISON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend title 10, United States Code, to limit the authority of the Department of Defense and other Federal law enforcement personnel to support civilian law enforcement activities, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Military in Law En-
3 forcement Accountability Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON PROVISION OF SUPPORT BY ARMED**
5 **FORCES TO CIVILIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT**
6 **ACTIVITIES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 15 of title 10, United
8 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 274 the
9 following new section:

10 **“§ 274a. Limitation on provision of support**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may
12 provide support under section 272, 273, or 274 of this
13 title only if the President first submits to Congress a noti-
14 fication and written justification for the support that in-
15 cludes—

16 “(1) the agency to which the support is pro-
17 vided;

18 “(2) the budget, implementation timeline with
19 milestones, anticipated delivery schedule, and com-
20 pletion date for the purpose or project for which the
21 support is provided;

22 “(3) the source and planned expenditure of
23 funds provided for such purpose or project;

24 “(4) a description of the arrangements, if any,
25 for the sustainment of such purpose or project and
26 the source of funds to support sustainment of the

1 capabilities and performance outcomes achieved
2 using the support, if applicable;

3 “(5) a description of the objectives for such
4 purpose or project and an evaluation framework to
5 be used to develop capability and performance
6 metrics associated with operational outcomes for the
7 recipient of the support; and

8 “(6) information, including the amount, type,
9 and purpose, about the support provided to the
10 agency during the three fiscal years preceding the
11 fiscal year for which the support covered by the noti-
12 fication and justification is provided.

13 “(b) LIMITATION ON TIMING.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
15 may not provide support under section 272, 273, or
16 274 of this title for a period that exceeds 30 days
17 unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted that
18 approves the provision of such support for a longer
19 period.

20 “(2) JOINT RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL.—In
21 this subsection, the term ‘joint resolution of ap-
22 proval’ means only a joint resolution of either House
23 of Congress—

24 “(A) the title of which is as follows: ‘A
25 joint resolution approving the provision by the

1 Department of Defense of support to civilian
2 law enforcement for a period of more than 30
3 days.’; and

4 “(B) the sole matter after the resolving
5 clause of which is the following: ‘Congress ap-
6 proves of the provision of support under section
7 272, 273, or 274 of title 10, United States
8 Code, with respect to _____ for a pe-
9 riod not to exceed _____.’, with the first
10 blank space being filled with a short description
11 of the proposed action and the second blank
12 space being filled with the appropriate period
13 following the date of adoption of the resolution.

14 “(3) INTRODUCTION.—A joint resolution of ap-
15 proval may be introduced—

16 “(A) in the Senate, by the majority leader
17 (or the majority leader’s designee) or the mi-
18 nority leader (or the minority leader’s des-
19 ignee); and

20 “(B) in the House of Representatives, by
21 the majority leader or the minority leader.

22 “(4) CONSIDERATION IN THE SENATE.—

23 “(A) COMMITTEE REFERRAL.—A joint res-
24 olution of approval introduced in the Senate

1 shall be referred to the Committee on Armed
2 Services.

3 “(B) REPORTING AND DISCHARGE.—If the
4 Committee on Armed Services has not reported
5 a joint resolution of approval within 10 cal-
6 endar days after the date of referral of the joint
7 resolution, that committee shall be discharged
8 from further consideration of the joint resolu-
9 tion and the joint resolution shall be placed on
10 the appropriate calendar.

11 “(C) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—
12 Notwithstanding Rule XXII of the Standing
13 Rules of the Senate, it is in order at any time
14 after the Committee on Armed Services reports
15 a joint resolution of approval to the Senate or
16 has been discharged from consideration of such
17 a joint resolution (even though a previous mo-
18 tion to the same effect has been disagreed to)
19 to move to proceed to the consideration of the
20 joint resolution, and all points of order against
21 the joint resolution (and against consideration
22 of the joint resolution) are waived. The motion
23 to proceed is not debatable. The motion is not
24 subject to a motion to postpone. A motion to

1 reconsider the vote by which the motion is
2 agreed to or disagreed to shall not be in order.

3 “(D) APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION.—Ap-
4 proval by the Senate of a joint resolution of ap-
5 proval shall require the affirmative vote of
6 three-fifths of Members of the Senate, duly cho-
7 sen and sworn.

8 “(E) RULINGS OF THE CHAIR ON PROCE-
9 DURE.—Appeals from the decisions of the Chair
10 relating to the application of the rules of the
11 Senate, as the case may be, to the procedure re-
12 lating to a joint resolution of approval shall be
13 decided without debate.

14 “(F) CONSIDERATION OF VETO MES-
15 SAGES.—Debate in the Senate of any veto mes-
16 sage with respect to a joint resolution of ap-
17 proval, including all debatable motions and ap-
18 peals in connection with the joint resolution,
19 shall be limited to 10 hours, to be equally di-
20 vided between, and controlled by, the majority
21 leader and the minority leader or their des-
22 ignees.

23 “(5) FLOOR CONSIDERATION IN HOUSE OF
24 REPRESENTATIVES.—If a committee of the House of
25 Representatives to which a joint resolution of ap-

1 proval has been referred has not reported the joint
2 resolution within 10 calendar days after the date of
3 referral, that committee shall be discharged from
4 further consideration of the joint resolution.

5 “(6) RULES RELATING TO SENATE AND HOUSE
6 OF REPRESENTATIVES.—

7 “(A) TREATMENT OF HOUSE JOINT RESO-
8 LUTION IN SENATE.—

9 “(i) RECEIPT BEFORE PASSAGE OF
10 SENATE RESOLUTION.—If, before the pas-
11 sage by the Senate of a joint resolution of
12 approval, the Senate receives an identical
13 joint resolution from the House of Rep-
14 resentatives, the following procedures shall
15 apply:

16 “(I) That joint resolution shall
17 not be referred to a committee.

18 “(II) With respect to that joint
19 resolution—

20 “(aa) the procedure in the
21 Senate shall be the same as if no
22 joint resolution had been received
23 from the House of Representa-
24 tives; but

1 “(bb) the vote on passage
2 shall be on the joint resolution
3 from the House of Representa-
4 tives.

5 “(ii) RECEIPT FOLLOWING PASSAGE
6 OF SENATE RESOLUTION.—If, following
7 passage of a joint resolution of approval in
8 the Senate, the Senate receives an identical
9 joint resolution from the House of Rep-
10 resentatives, that joint resolution shall be
11 placed on the appropriate Senate calendar.

12 “(iii) NO COMPANION RESOLUTION.—
13 If a joint resolution of approval is received
14 from the House, and no companion joint
15 resolution has been introduced in the Sen-
16 ate, the Senate procedures under this sub-
17 section shall apply to the House joint reso-
18 lution.

19 “(B) TREATMENT OF SENATE JOINT RESO-
20 LUTION IN HOUSE.—In the House of Rep-
21 resentatives, the following procedures shall
22 apply to a joint resolution of approval received
23 from the Senate (unless the House has already
24 passed a joint resolution relating to the same
25 proposed action):

1 “(i) The joint resolution shall be re-
2 ferred to the Committee on Armed Serv-
3 ices.

4 “(ii) If the Committee on Armed
5 Services has not reported the joint resolu-
6 tion within 2 calendar days after the date
7 of referral, that committee shall be dis-
8 charged from further consideration of the
9 joint resolution.

10 “(iii) Beginning on the third legisla-
11 tive day after the Committee on Armed
12 Services reports the joint resolution to the
13 House or has been discharged from further
14 consideration thereof, it shall be in order
15 to move to proceed to consider the joint
16 resolution in the House. All points of order
17 against the motion are waived. Such a mo-
18 tion shall not be in order after the House
19 has disposed of a motion to proceed on the
20 joint resolution. The previous question
21 shall be considered as ordered on the mo-
22 tion to its adoption without intervening
23 motion. The motion shall not be debatable.
24 A motion to reconsider the vote by which

1 the motion is disposed of shall not be in
2 order.

3 “(iv) The joint resolution shall be con-
4 sidered as read. All points of order against
5 the joint resolution and against its consid-
6 eration are waived. The previous question
7 shall be considered as ordered on the joint
8 resolution to final passage without inter-
9 vening motion except 2 hours of debate
10 equally divided and controlled by the spon-
11 sor of the joint resolution (or a designee)
12 and an opponent. A motion to reconsider
13 the vote on passage of the joint resolution
14 shall not be in order.

15 “(C) APPLICATION TO REVENUE MEAS-
16 URES.—The provisions of this paragraph shall
17 not apply in the House of Representatives to a
18 joint resolution of approval that is a revenue
19 measure.

20 “(7) RULES OF SENATE AND HOUSE OF REP-
21 RESENTATIVES.—This subsection is enacted by Con-
22 gress—

23 “(A) as an exercise of the rulemaking
24 power of the Senate and the House of Rep-
25 resentatives, respectively, and as such is deemed

1 a part of the rules of each House, respectively,
 2 and supersedes other rules only to the extent
 3 that it is inconsistent with such rules; and

4 “(B) with full recognition of the constitu-
 5 tional right of either House to change the rules
 6 (so far as relating to the procedure of that
 7 House) at any time, in the same manner, and
 8 to the same extent as in the case of any other
 9 rule of that House.”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 11 at the beginning of chapter 15 of such title is amended
 12 by inserting after the item relating to section 274 the fol-
 13 lowing new item:

“274a. Limitation on provision of support.”.

14 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

15 (1) USE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT.—Section
 16 272 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by
 17 inserting “section 274a of this title and” after “in
 18 accordance with”.

19 (2) TRAINING AND ADVISING CIVILIAN LAW EN-
 20 FORCEMENT OFFICIALS.—Section 273 of title 10,
 21 United States Code, is amended by inserting “sec-
 22 tion 274a of this title and” after “in accordance
 23 with”.

24 (3) MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF EQUIP-
 25 MENT.—Section 274 of title 10, United States Code,

1 is amended by inserting “section 274a of this title
2 and” after “in accordance with” each place it ap-
3 pears.

4 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON SIMULTANEOUS SERVICE IN THE**
5 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND CIVILIAN**
6 **LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 49 of title 10, United
8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing new section:

10 **“§ 990. Prohibition on simultaneous service in the De-**
11 **partment of Defense and civilian law en-**
12 **forcement**

13 “(a) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in sub-
14 section (b), an individual serving in any capacity in the
15 Department of Defense, whether in the Armed Forces or
16 in a civilian position, may not, while so serving, serve in
17 any capacity in any element of civilian law enforcement
18 outside of the Department of Defense.

19 “(b) EXCEPTIONS.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The prohibition under sub-
21 section (a) shall not to apply to a member of a re-
22 serve component named in section 10101 of this title
23 who serves in an element of civilian law enforcement
24 outside of the Department of Defense in their civil-
25 ian capacity.

1 “(2) ACTIVE DUTY.—A member described in
2 paragraph (1) who is called or ordered to active duty
3 shall formally and officially recuse himself or herself
4 from civilian law enforcement duties.”.

5 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
6 at the beginning of chapter 49 of such title is amended
7 by adding at the end the following new item:

“990. Prohibition on simultaneous service in the Department of Defense and ci-
vilian law enforcement.”.

8 **SEC. 4. EXPANSION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR ARMED**
9 **FORCES AND FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT**
10 **PERSONNEL WHEN ASSISTING CIVIL AU-**
11 **THORITIES.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 723(a) of title 10, United
13 States Code, is amended by striking “to respond to a civil
14 disturbance”.

15 (b) CONFORMING AND CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

16 (1) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The heading
17 for section 723 of title 10, United States Code, is
18 amended by striking “**in response to civil dis-**
19 **turbances**”.

20 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
21 tions at the beginning of chapter 41 of title 10,
22 United States Code, is amended by striking the item
23 relating to section 723 and inserting the following
24 new item:

“723. Support of Federal authorities: requirement for use of members of the Armed Forces and Federal law enforcement personnel.”.

1 **SEC. 5. PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Any person, State, or local gov-
3 ernment aggrieved of a violation of this Act or an amend-
4 ment made by this Act by the Federal Government, or
5 an officer or employee thereof, may bring a civil action
6 in an appropriate district court of the United States.

7 (b) RELIEF.—In a civil action brought under sub-
8 section (a), the court may award injunctive or other equi-
9 table relief and damages.

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