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# S. 2803

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and  
Mr. VAN HOLLEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice  
and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## A BILL

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the National Guard, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safeguarding the Use  
5 of the National Guard Act” or the “SUN Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT OF DOMESTIC USE OF**  
7 **THE NATIONAL GUARD.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection  
9 (b), not later than 15 days after the date on which the  
10 President deploys or otherwise uses members of the Na-

1 tional Guard at a location in the United States pursuant  
2 to chapter 13 or 15 of title 10, United States Code, or  
3 any other law or authority, the President shall submit to  
4 Congress a report on the use or deployment that in-  
5 cludes—

6 (1) the precise legal basis and goals of the  
7 President for the deployment or other use, including  
8 any evidence substantiating the assessment of the  
9 President;

10 (2) a description of the effect of such deploy-  
11 ment or use on any situation identified in such jus-  
12 tification, including any specific reports of any inter-  
13 actions between members of the National Guard and  
14 civilians engaged in violence or threats of violence;

15 (3) reports from local and State law enforce-  
16 ment agencies describing any such interactions, in-  
17 cluding the extent of actual violence or threat of vio-  
18 lence, and the assessment of such agencies of the  
19 propriety of deployment or other use of members of  
20 the National Guard;

21 (4) an estimate of the total cost to the Federal  
22 Government for the entirety of the deployment or  
23 use, including any indirect costs to the Department  
24 of Defense; and

1           (5) a certification that such deployment or use  
2           of the members of the National Guard will not inter-  
3           fere with the ability of the Armed Forces to respond  
4           in the event of a disaster that could be covered by  
5           a presidential declaration under the Robert T. Staf-  
6           ford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act  
7           (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.).

8           (b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply with  
9           respect to the use or deployment of members of the Na-  
10          tional Guard at a location in the United States pursuant  
11          to a presidential declaration under the Robert T. Stafford  
12          Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.  
13          5121 et seq.) in response to a natural disaster or other  
14          weather-related event.

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