

MODIFICATION TO THE AMENDMENT
OFFERED BY MR. CRAWFORD OF ARKANSAS

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The amendment as modified is as follows:

Page 116, after line 2, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 515. PILOT PROGRAM FOR EOD-QUALIFIED MEMBERS**
2 **OF THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD TO SUP-**
3 **PORT CIVIL AUTHORITIES.**

4 (a) PILOT PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary
5 of the Army may carry out a pilot program under which
6 EOD-qualified members of the Army National Guard may
7 conduct planning and immediate response defense support
8 to civil authorities.

9 (b) OBJECTIVES.—The Secretary of the Army shall
10 design a pilot program conducted under this section to de-
11 termine the following:

12 (1) The feasibility and effectiveness of estab-
13 lishing program described in subsection (a).

14 (2) The merits of using EOD-qualified mem-
15 bers of the Army National Guard on full-time Na-

1 tional Guard duty versus such members on active
2 duty for such a pilot program.

3 (3) The need for legislative authority to conduct
4 such a pilot program.

5 (4) The costs to make such a pilot program
6 permanent.

7 (c) CONSULTATION.—In developing a pilot program
8 under this section, the Secretary of the Army shall consult
9 with the Commanders of the United States Northern Com-
10 mand and United States Pacific Command regarding—

11 (1) defeating sustained bombings in the United
12 States, including the territories and possessions;

13 (2) plans for EOD defense support of des-
14 ignated national special security events;

15 (3) plans for EOD defense support of the na-
16 tional response framework activities of the Depart-
17 ments of Justice and Homeland Security;

18 (4) EOD immediate response for recovery of
19 Department of Defense munitions off-installation;
20 and

21 (5) EOD immediate response in support of ci-
22 vilian law enforcement agencies.

23 (d) AUTHORITY FOR PAY AND ALLOWANCES.—The
24 Secretary of Defense may, subject to appropriations, make
25 funds available to fund pay, allowances, travel, training,

1 operations, and maintenance costs for members of the
2 Army National Guard who participate in the pilot pro-
3 gram.

4 (e) COMMENCEMENT; DURATION.—The Secretary of
5 the Army may commence a pilot program under this sec-
6 tion on or after January 1, 2019. All activities under such
7 a pilot program shall terminate no later than December
8 31, 2023.

9 (f) REPORT.—If the Secretary of the Army carries
10 out a pilot program under this section, the Secretary shall
11 submit to the congressional defense committees a report
12 containing an evaluation of the pilot program, including
13 determinations described in subsection (b), not later than
14 January 1, 2021.

15 (g) EOD DEFINED.—In this section, the term
16 “EOD” means explosive ordnance disposal.

