

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-

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At the end of subtitle B of title IX, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 9 ____. EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL COMMAND.**

2 (a) TRANSFER OF COMMAND AND REDESIGNA-
3 TION.—The 20th Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nu-
4 clear and high-yield Explosives Command of the Army is
5 hereby—

6 (1) transferred to the Army Special Operations
7 Command within the United States Special Oper-
8 ations Command; and

9 (2) redesignated as the 1st Explosive Ordnance
10 Disposal Command (referred to in this section as the
11 “EOD Command”).

12 (b) COMMANDER.—There is a Commander of the
13 EOD Command. The Commander shall be selected by the
14 Secretary of the Army from among the general officers
15 of the Army who—

16 (1) hold a rank of major general or higher; and

17 (2) have professional qualifications relating to
18 explosive ordnance disposal.

1 (c) DUTIES.—The duties of the EOD Command shall
2 be to carry out explosive ordnance disposal activities in
3 support of the Commander of the United States Special
4 Operations Command, combatant commanders, and the
5 heads of such other Federal departments and agencies as
6 the Secretary of Defense considers appropriate.

7 (d) HEADQUARTERS.—The headquarters of the EOD
8 Command shall be located at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

9 (e) ADDITIONAL TRANSFERS.—Not later than 30
10 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
11 retary of the Army shall transfer from the Army Forces
12 Command to the EOD Command—

13 (1) five Explosive Ordnance Disposal Groups;

14 and

15 (2) one Sustainment Brigade.

16 (f) TIMELINE FOR OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY.—The
17 Secretary of the Army shall ensure that the EOD Com-
18 mand—

19 (1) achieves early operational capability not
20 later than 90 days after the date of the enactment
21 of this Act; and

22 (2) achieves full operational capability not later
23 than one year after such date of enactment.

24 (g) TREATMENT AS SPECIAL OPERATIONS ACTIV-
25 ITY.—Consistent with the transfer made under subsection

1 (a)(1), the Secretary of the Army shall treat explosive ord-
2 nance disposal as a special operations activity.

3 (h) EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL ACTIVITIES
4 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “explosive ordnance
5 disposal activities” means activities relating to the detec-
6 tion, defeat, disposal, and analysis of explosive ordnance,
7 including—

8 (1) gaining access to anti-access and area-de-
9 nial munitions;

10 (2) preventing detonation signals via electro-
11 magnetic spectrum;

12 (3) identifying manufactured and improvised
13 explosive ordnance, including nuclear, biological, and
14 chemical ordnance;

15 (4) rendering-safe, recovering, exploiting, trans-
16 porting, and safely disposing of explosive ordnance;
17 and

18 (5) gathering and analyzing technical intel-
19 ligence with respect to explosive ordnance.

