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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 REDESIGNATION.—The 20th Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and high-yield Explosives Command of the Army is hereby—

3 (1) transferred to the Army Special Operations Command within the United States Special Operations Command; and

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

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

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

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

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

(e) ADDITIONAL TRANSFERS.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army shall transfer from the Army Forces Command to the EOD Command—

(1) five Explosive Ordnance Disposal Groups;

and

(2) one Sustainment Brigade.

(f) TIMELINE FOR OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY.—The Secretary of the Army shall ensure that the EOD Command—

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

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

(g) TREATMENT AS SPECIAL OPERATIONS ACTIVITY.—Consistent with the transfer made under subsection
(a)(1), the Secretary of the Army shall treat explosive ordnance disposal as a special operations activity.

(h) EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL ACTIVITIES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “explosive ordnance disposal activities” means activities relating to the detection, defeat, disposal, and analysis of explosive ordnance, including—

(1) gaining access to anti-access and area-denial munitions;

(2) preventing detonation signals via electromagnetic spectrum;

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

(4) rendering-safe, recovering, exploiting, transporting, and safely disposing of explosive ordnance; and

(5) gathering and analyzing technical intelligence with respect to explosive ordnance.