

**AMENDMENT TO**  
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**OFFERED BY MR. CRAWFORD OF ARKANSAS**

At the end of subtitle F of title X, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 10\_\_ . PILOT PROGRAM ON THE ARMY NATIONAL**  
2 **GUARD AS THE HOMELAND DEFENSE INTE-**  
3 **GRATOR FOR DEFEATING EXPLOSIVE ORD-**  
4 **NANCE.**

5 (a) PILOT PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army  
7 may conduct a pilot program to assess the feasibility  
8 and advisability of the development of a capability in  
9 support of Department of the Army missions within  
10 the National Guard through which the National  
11 Guard of a State remotely provides to the National  
12 Guard of other States (whether or not in the same  
13 Armed Force as the providing National Guard) ex-  
14 plosive ordnance disposal capability through tech-  
15 nical assistance in the planning, preparation, train-  
16 ing, and response to accidents and incidents involv-  
17 ing foreign and domestic explosive ordnance, as such

1 term is defined in section 283(d) of title 10, United  
2 States Code.

3 (2) ASSESSMENT PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT.—

4 For the purposes of the pilot program described in  
5 subsection (a), the Director of the Army National  
6 Guard shall, prior to commencing the pilot program,  
7 determine—

8 (A) which of the service component com-  
9 mands of the Army best supports the respon-  
10 sible combatant commands that defend the  
11 homeland including the United States Strategic  
12 Command, the United States Space Command,  
13 and the United States Northern Command;

14 (B) the command and support relation-  
15 ships of Army National Guard explosive ord-  
16 nance disposal formations, and other military  
17 explosive ordnance disposal units, to the Army  
18 service component command identified pursuant  
19 to subparagraph (A);

20 (C) the required increase in the number of  
21 members of the National Guard performing  
22 full-time National Guard duty in the Active  
23 Guard and Reserve Program that may support  
24 or execute such homeland defense activities per-

1           formed by the National Guard under section  
2           904 of title 32, United States Code; and

3           (D) the crosswalk of designated Army Na-  
4           tional Guard explosive ordnance disposal units  
5           to that of the Department of Defense  
6           prioritized critical infrastructure listing with an  
7           emphasis on United States left of launch capa-  
8           bility including missile production and storage  
9           facilities, missile launching equipment and posi-  
10          tions, and command and control equipment  
11          generally recognized as lawful military objec-  
12          tives that may be targeted.

13          (b) ELEMENTS.—The pilot program described in sub-  
14          section (a) may include the following:

15           (1) A secure net-worked capability, including  
16           joint worldwide intelligence communication system  
17           and secure internet protocol router networks, that  
18           enables the National Guard explosive ordnance dis-  
19           posal unit of a State to remotely provide command  
20           and control, intelligence, technical operations over-  
21           sight, and explosives safety compliance without the  
22           need to deploy outside its home State.

23           (2) The development of policies, processes, pro-  
24           cedures, program element and management decision

1 packages, and authorities for use of such a capa-  
2 bility, including with respect to the following:

3 (A) The roles and responsibilities of both  
4 requesting and deploying National Guards with  
5 respect to such explosive ordnance disposal ca-  
6 pabilities as defined in section 2284(d)(2) of  
7 title 10, United States Code.

8 (B) Program management and governance  
9 structures for deployment and maintenance of  
10 such a capability.

11 (3) The conduct of at least three annual exer-  
12 cises known as “Ravens Challenge exercises” with  
13 the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Ex-  
14 plosives and the Army which shall include the fol-  
15 lowing:

16 (A) The participation of not fewer than the  
17 National Guards of two States.

18 (B) Circumstances designed to test and  
19 validate the policies, processes, procedures, pro-  
20 gram elements, and management decision pack-  
21 ages and authorities pursuant to paragraph (2).

22 (c) CONSTRUCTION WITH CERTAIN CURRENT AU-  
23 THORITIES.—

24 (1) COMMAND AUTHORITIES.—Nothing in this  
25 section may be construed as affecting or altering the

1       command authorities otherwise applicable to any  
2       unit of the National Guard participating in the pilot  
3       program.

4           (2) EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE  
5       COMPACT.—Nothing in the section may be construed  
6       as affecting or altering any current agreement under  
7       the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, or  
8       any other State agreements, or as determinant of  
9       the future content of any such agreement.

10       (d) EVALUATION METRICS.—The Director of the  
11       Army National Guard shall establish metrics to evaluate  
12       the effectiveness of the pilot program.

13       (e) TERM.—The pilot program under subsection (a)  
14       shall not terminate not later than five years (a future  
15       years defense program cycle) after the date of the com-  
16       mencement of the pilot program.

17       (f) REPORTS.—

18           (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days  
19       after the date of the commencement of the pilot pro-  
20       gram, the Secretary of the Army shall submit to the  
21       defense and intelligence committees of Congress an  
22       initial report setting forth a description of the pilot  
23       program and such other matters in connection with  
24       the pilot program as the Secretary considers appro-  
25       priate.

1           (2) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days  
2 after the termination of the pilot program, the Sec-  
3 retary of the Army shall submit to the defense and  
4 intelligence committees of Congress a final report.  
5 The report shall include the following:

6           (A) A description of the pilot program in-  
7 cluding any partnerships entered into under the  
8 pilot program.

9           (B) A summary of the assessment per-  
10 formed prior to the commencement of the pilot  
11 program in accordance with subsection (a)(2).

12           (C) A summary of the evaluation metrics  
13 established in accordance with subsection (d).

14           (D) An assessment of the effectiveness of  
15 the pilot program, and capability elements de-  
16 scribed in subsection (b).

17           (E) A description of the costs associated  
18 with implementation and conduct of the pilot  
19 program.

20           (F) A recommendation as to authorizing a  
21 permanent program modeled on the pilot pro-  
22 gram.

23           (G) An estimate of the costs on making  
24 the pilot program permanent and expanding it

1 nationwide in accordance with the recommenda-  
2 tion in subparagraph (F).

3 (H) Such recommendations for legislative  
4 or administrative action as the Secretary of the  
5 Army considers appropriate in light of the pilot  
6 program.

7 (g) STATE DEFINED.—In this section, the term  
8 “State” means—

- 9 (1) the several States;
- 10 (2) the District of Columbia;
- 11 (3) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;
- 12 (4) American Samoa;
- 13 (5) Guam;
- 14 (6) the United States Virgin Islands; and
- 15 (7) the Commonwealth of the Northern Mar-  
16 iana Islands.

