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

SEC. 9. ESTABLISHMENT OF 1ST EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL COMMAND.

(a) Establishment.—The President, acting through the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of the Army and with the advice and assistance of the Chairman of the Joints Chiefs of Staff, shall establish within the Army Special Operations Command of the United States Special Operations Command a command to be known as the “1st Explosive Ordnance Disposal Command” (in this section referred to as the “EOD Command”). The principal function of the EOD Command shall be to prepare Army explosive ordnance disposal forces to carry out assigned strategic, operational, and tactical level missions across the full range of military operations.

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

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

(B) have professional qualifications relating to explosive ordnance disposal; and

(2) shall serve as the co-chair of the Department of Defense explosive ordnance disposal defense program pursuant to section 2284(b)(5) of title 10, United States Code.

(c) DUTIES.—The duties of the EOD Command shall be to carry out—

(1) explosive ordnance disposal irregular warfare activities in support of the Commander of the United States Special Operations Command; and

(2) explosive ordnance disposal activities in support of—

(A) civilian law enforcement agencies through the Commanders of the United States Northern Command and the United States Indo-Pacific Command;

(B) service support of the President through the White House Military Office;

(C) combatant commanders; and
(D) the heads of such other departments
and agencies of the Federal Government as the
Secretary of Defense considers appropriate.

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

(e) ASSIGNMENT OF FORCES.—Effective on the date
of the establishment of the EOD Command under sub-
section (a), the United States Army Forces Command
20th Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and
High-Yield Explosives Command shall be transferred to
and incorporated within the EOD Command.

(f) ADDITIONAL TRANSFERS.—Not later than 30
days after the date of the establishment of the EOD Com-
mand under subsection (a), the Secretary of the Army
shall transfer from the Army Forces Command to the
EOD Command—

(1) five Explosive Ordnance Disposal Groups
stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Fort
Campbell, Kentucky, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida,
Fort Carson, Colorado, Joint Base Lewis McChord,
Washington; and

(2) one Sustainment Brigade stationed at Joint
Base Lewis McChord, Washington.
(g) **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.

(h) **Treatment as Irregular Warfare and Low Intensity Conflict Activity.**—Consistent with the establishment of the EOD Command within the Army Special Operations Command of the United States SpecialOperations Command, the Secretary of the Army shall treat explosive ordnance disposal as an irregular warfare and low intensity conflict activity. The activities of the EOD Command shall be carried out using funds made available to the Army for Major Force Program 2 (MPF–2) “General Purpose Forces” (as described in the future-years defense program submitted to Congress under section 221 of title 10, United States Code).

(i) **Explosive Ordnance Disposal Activities Defined.**—In this section, the term “explosive ordnance disposal” means activities relating to the detection, defeat, disablement, neutralization, analysis and disposal of explosive ordnance during direct action, strategic reconnaissance,
sance, unconventional warfare, foreign internal defense, civil affairs, military information support operations, counterterrorism, humanitarian assistance, theater search and rescue, low intensity conflict, combat operations, and such other activities as may be specified by the President or the Secretary of Defense. Explosive ordnance disposal activities include—

(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 (as defined in section 283 of title 10, United States Code); and

(5) gathering and analyzing explosive ordnance intelligence with respect to weapon systems employing explosive ordnance, including de-fueling intercontinental, intermediate, medium and short-range missile systems.