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At the end of subtitle C of title V, add the following new section:

SEC. 5. AUTHORIZING COMMANDERS TO PERMIT MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES TO CARRY A FIREARM ON A MILITARY INSTALLATION.

(a) GENERAL AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, regulation, or directive, the Secretary of Defense shall—

(1) authorize DoD personnel to openly carry a loaded firearm for the purpose of providing 24-hour security monitoring in order to ensure the safety of DoD military and civilian personnel and their dependents who reside on military installations; or

(2) establish and carry out a procedure to permit qualified military personnel to openly carry a loaded firearm on a military installation for personal protection.

(b) COMMANDER CONTROL OVER AUTHORIZATION.—Commanders at all levels will exercise sufficient
control over authorizations involving the carrying of firearms in accordance with subsection (a).

(c) Security Monitoring Duty Roster Program.—The authorization described in subsection (a)(1)—

(1) is in addition to other programs that permit DoD personnel to perform law enforcement and security duties;

(2) shall be carried out as a program on the duty roster; and

(3) at a minimum, include placing security personnel at all points of entry into barracks and multi-family residences on military installation.

(d) Qualified Military Personnel Defined.—For purposes of subsection (a)(2), the term “qualified military personnel” means a member of the armed forces on active duty who—

(1) has passed a gun safety course that is certified by any State, the District of Columbia, or any territory or possession of the United States as providing adequate training to enable the member to carry a concealed handgun in such State, the District of Columbia, or such territory or possession;

(2) is not the subject of any disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice for an
assaultive offense that could result in incarceration or separation from the Armed Forces under other than honorable conditions;

(3) meets annual eligibility requirements for use of any military firearm, as established by the Secretary of the military department concerned;

(4) passes a background check, as established by the Secretary of the military department concerned;

(5) passes a psychological evaluation, as established by the Secretary of the military department concerned;

(6) is not under the influence of alcohol or another intoxicating or hallucinatory drug or substance; and

(7) is not prohibited by Federal law from receiving a firearm.