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# H. R. 4998

To provide for congressional oversight of domestic use of the reserve components of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 19, 2025

Mr. LICCARDO (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. PETTERSEN, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. MIN, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. STANTON, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. TRAN, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. ANSARI, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Ms. MORRISON, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. WHITESIDES, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. IVEY, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mrs. TRAHAN, Ms. BYNUM, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. MCBRIDE, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. MULLIN, Mrs. MCIVER, Ms. RIVAS, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. DEXTER, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, and Ms. ESCOBAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### 3   **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Safeguarding the Use  
5   of the National Guard Act” or the “SUN Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT OF DOMESTIC USE OF**  
2 **THE RESERVE COMPONENTS OF THE ARMED**  
3 **FORCES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection  
5 (b), not later than 15 days after the date on which the  
6 President deploys or otherwise uses members of a reserve  
7 component of the Armed Forces at a location in the  
8 United States pursuant to chapter 13 or 15 of title 10,  
9 United States Code, or any other law or authority—

10 (1) the President shall submit to Congress a re-  
11 port on the use or deployment that includes—

12 (A) the precise legal basis and goals of the  
13 President for the deployment or other use, in-  
14 cluding any evidence substantiating the assess-  
15 ment of the President;

16 (B) a description of the effect of such de-  
17 ployment or use on any situation identified in  
18 such justification, including any specific reports  
19 of any interactions between members of the  
20 Armed Forces and civilians engaged in violence  
21 or threats of violence;

22 (C) reports from local and State law en-  
23 forcement agencies describing any such inter-  
24 actions, including the extent of actual violence  
25 or threat of violence, and the assessment of

1 such agencies of the propriety of deployment or  
2 other use of members of the Armed Forces;

3 (D) an identification of the total cost to  
4 the Federal Government of such deployment or  
5 use, including any indirect costs borne by the  
6 Department of Defense and civilians called up  
7 to serve in the National Guard; and

8 (E) a certification that such deployment or  
9 use of the members of the reserve component  
10 will not interfere with the ability of the Armed  
11 Forces to respond in the event of a disaster  
12 that could be covered by a presidential declara-  
13 tion under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-  
14 lief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.  
15 5121 et seq.); and

16 (2) the Chief of the National Guard Bureau  
17 shall provide to Congress a briefing on whether the  
18 deployment or use of the reserve components re-  
19 sulted in a reduction of violence and met the stated  
20 goals identified by the President under paragraph  
21 (1)(A).

22 (b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply with  
23 respect to the use or deployment of members of the Armed  
24 Forces at a location in the United States pursuant to a  
25 presidential declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Dis-

1 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.  
2 5121 et seq.) in response to a natural disaster or other  
3 weather-related event.

