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S. 2602

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 2025

Mr. ROUNDS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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. EXPANSION OF SCOPE OF AFFIRMATION OF AU-**
4 **THORITY FOR CYBER OPERATIONS TO IN-**
5 **CLUDE DEFENSE OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUC-**
6 **TURE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

7 (a) SCOPE OF AFFIRMATION OF AUTHORITY.—Sub-
8 section (b) of section 394 of title 10, United States Code,

1 is amended by inserting “defense of critical infrastructure
2 of the Department of Defense,” after “force protection,”.

3 (b) AMENDMENT TO DEFINITIONS.—Subsection (f)
4 of such section 394 is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as
6 paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively; and

7 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
8 lowing new paragraph (2):

9 “(2) The term ‘critical infrastructure of the De-
10 partment of Defense’ means any asset of the De-
11 partment of Defense of such extraordinary impor-
12 tance to the functioning of the Department and the
13 operation of the armed forces that the incapacitation
14 or destruction of such asset by a cyber attack would
15 have a debilitating effect on the ability of the De-
16 partment to fulfill its missions.”.

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