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To amend title 32, United States Code, to authorize units of the National Guard to conduct small arms competitions and athletic competitions, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. JEFFORDS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

# 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. CONDUCT OF SMALL ARMS COMPETITIONS  
4 AND ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS BY THE NA-  
5 TIONAL GUARD.

6 (a) PREPARATION AND PARTICIPATION GEN-  
7 ERALLY.—Section 504 of title 32, United States Code, is  
8 amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) by striking “or” at the end of para-  
2 graph (2);

3 (B) by striking paragraph (3) and insert-  
4 ing:

5                   “(3) prepare for and participate in small arms  
6 competition; or”; and

7 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
8 paragraph:

9               “(4) prepare for and participate in qualifying  
10              athletic competitions.”; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
12 sections:

13       “(c)(1) Units of the National Guard may conduct a  
14 small arms competition or qualifying athletic competition  
15 in conjunction with training required under this chapter  
16 if such activity (treating the activity as if it were a provi-  
17 sion of services) meets the requirements set forth in para-  
18 graphs (1), (3), and (4) of section 508(a) of this title.

19       “(2) Facilities and equipment of the National Guard,  
20 including military property and vehicles described in sec-  
21 tion 508(c) of this title, may be used in connection with  
22 activities carried out under paragraph (1).

23       “(3) Except as otherwise provided in an applicable  
24 provision of an appropriations Act, amounts appropriated  
25 for the National Guard may be used to pay the costs of

1 activities carried out under this subsection and expenses  
2 incurred by members of the National Guard in engaging  
3 in activities under paragraph (3) or (4) of subsection (a),  
4 including participation fees, costs of attendance, costs of  
5 travel, per diem, costs of clothing, costs of equipment, and  
6 related expenses.

7       “(d) In this section, the term ‘qualifying athletic com-  
8 petition’ means a competition in an athletic event that nec-  
9 essarily involves demonstrations by the competitors of—

10           “(1) skills relevant to the performance of mili-  
11 tary duties; or

12           “(2) physical fitness consistent with the stand-  
13 ards that are applicable to members of the National  
14 Guard in evaluations of the physical readiness of  
15 members for military duty in the members’ armed  
16 force.”.

17       (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—(1) The heading of  
18 such section is amended to read as follows:

19 **“§ 504. National Guard schools; small arms competi-  
20 tions; athletic competitions”.**

21       (2) The item relating to such section in the table of  
22 sections at the beginning of chapter 5 of title 32, United  
23 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“504. National Guard schools; small arms competitions; athletic competitions.”.

