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To establish the Space National Guard.

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Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. PADILLA, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To establish the Space National Guard.

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 “Space National Guard
5 Establishment Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF SPACE NATIONAL GUARD.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is established a Space
9 National Guard that is part of the organized militia
10 of the States specified in paragraph (3), active and
11 inactive, that—

1 (A) is a space force;

2 (B) is trained, and has its officers ap-
3 pointed, under the sixteenth clause of section 8,
4 article I of the Constitution;

5 (C) is organized, armed, and equipped
6 wholly or partly at Federal expense; and

7 (D) is federally recognized.

8 (2) RESERVE COMPONENT.—The Space Na-
9 tional Guard shall be the reserve component of the
10 Space Force all of whose members are members of
11 the Space National Guard.

12 (3) STATES SPECIFIED.—The States specified
13 in this paragraph are—

14 (A) Alaska.

15 (B) California.

16 (C) Colorado.

17 (D) Florida.

18 (E) Hawaii.

19 (F) New York.

20 (G) Ohio.

21 (b) COMPOSITION.—

22 (1) DIRECTOR OF THE SPACE NATIONAL
23 GUARD.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Director of Space
25 Operations for the National Guard Bureau shall

be transferred to the Space National Guard and be known as the Director of the Space National Guard.

(B) RANK.—The Director of the Space National Guard shall carry the rank of Brigadier General and shall report to the Director of the Air National Guard.

(2) TRANSFER OF SPACE OPERATIONS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The staff assigned to space operations in the National Guard Bureau and the units specified in subparagraph (B) shall be transferred to the Space National Guard.

(B) UNITS SPECIFIED.—The units specified in this subparagraph are the following:

(i) 213th Space Warning Squadron, Alaska Air National Guard.

(ii) 148th Space Operations Squadron, California Air National Guard.

(iii) 216th Electromagnetic Warfare Squadron, California Air National Guard.

(iv) 234th Intelligence Squadron, California Air National Guard.

(v) 137th Space Warning Squadron, Colorado Air National Guard.

1 (vi) 138th Electromagnetic Warfare
2 Squadron, Colorado Air National Guard.

3 (vii) 233d Space Group, Colorado Air
4 National Guard.

5 (viii) 233d Space Communications
6 Squadron, Colorado Air National Guard.

7 (ix) 233d Space Group, Det-1 (Com-
8 bat Training Detachment) Colorado Air
9 National Guard.

10 (x) 114th Electromagnetic Warfare
11 Squadron, Florida Air National Guard.

12 (xi) 150th Electromagnetic Warfare
13 Squadron, Hawaii Air National Guard.

14 (xii) 109th Electromagnetic Warfare
15 Squadron, Hawaii Air National Guard.

16 (xiii) 126th Intelligence Squadron,
17 Ohio Air National Guard.

18 (xiv) 222nd Command and Control
19 Squadron, New York Air National Guard.

20 (3) PROHIBITION ON ADDITIONAL PER-
21 SONNEL.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—There shall be no per-
23 sonnel assigned or allocated to the Space Na-
24 tional Guard other than the personnel provided
25 for by paragraphs (1) and (2).

(B) ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.—

Each Space National Guard unit shall be organized under the Assistant Adjutant General for the Air Force in the State in which the unit is located on the day before the enactment of this Act.

(C) EFFECT ON STATES.—Except as pro-

vided in paragraphs (1) and (2), no State shall receive any additional personnel, to include any general officer or staff, to assist with the administration and operation of the Space National Guard.

SEC. 3. NO EFFECT ON MILITARY FACILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND INSTALLATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Space National Guard shall make use of facilities, infrastructure, and installations constructed before the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) PROHIBITION ON NEW CONSTRUCTION.—Except as provided by subsection (a), no additional facility, infrastructure, or installation shall be constructed or modified to accommodate the Space National Guard.

SEC. 4. IMPLEMENTATION OF SPACE NATIONAL GUARD.

(a) REQUIREMENT.—Except as specifically provided by this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of the National Guard Bureau shall implement this Act

1 and the amendments made by this Act not later than one
2 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

3 (b) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
6 thereafter for 5 years, the Secretary of the Air
7 Force, the Chief of the Space Force, and the Chief
8 of the National Guard Bureau shall jointly provide
9 to the congressional defense committees (as defined
10 in section 101 of title 10, United States Code) a
11 briefing on the status of the implementation of the
12 Space National Guard pursuant to this Act and the
13 amendments made by this Act.

14 (2) ELEMENTS.—The briefing required by
15 paragraph (1) shall address—

16 (A) the current missions, operations and
17 activities, personnel requirements and status,
18 and budget and funding requirements and sta-
19 tus of the Space National Guard; and

20 (B) such other matters with respect to the
21 implementation and operation of the Space Na-
22 tional Guard as the Secretary and the Chiefs
23 jointly determine appropriate to keep Congress
24 fully and currently informed on the status of

1 the implementation of the Space National
2 Guard.

3 **SEC. 5. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS AND CLARIFICATION**
4 **OF AUTHORITIES.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—

6 (1) TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE.—Title 10,
7 United States Code, is amended—

8 (A) in section 101—

9 (i) in subsection (c)—

10 (I) in paragraph (1), by striking
11 “and the Air National Guard” and in-
12 serting “, the Air National Guard,
13 and the Space National Guard”;

14 (II) by redesignating paragraphs
15 (6) and (7) as paragraphs (8) and
16 (9), respectively; and

17 (III) by inserting after paragraph
18 (5) the following new paragraphs:

19 “(6) The term ‘Space National Guard’ means
20 that part of the organized militia of the States speci-
21 fied in section 2(a)(3) of the Space National Guard
22 Establishment Act of 2025, active and inactive,
23 that—

24 “(A) is a space force;

1 “(B) is trained, and has its officers ap-
 2 pointed under the sixteenth clause of section 8,
 3 article I of the Constitution;

4 “(C) is organized, armed, and equipped
 5 wholly or partly at Federal expense; and

6 “(D) is federally recognized.

7 “(7) The term ‘Space National Guard of the
 8 United States’ means the reserve component of the
 9 Space Force all of whose members are members of
 10 the Space National Guard.”; and

11 (ii) in subsection (d)—

12 (I) in paragraph (4), by striking
 13 “or inactive Air National Guard” and
 14 inserting “, in the inactive Air Na-
 15 tional Guard, in the inactive Space
 16 National Guard,”; and

17 (II) in paragraph (5), by striking
 18 “or the Air National Guard of the
 19 United States” and inserting “, the
 20 Air National Guard of the United
 21 States, or the Space National Guard
 22 of the United States”; and

23 (B) in section 10101—

1 (i) in the matter preceding paragraph
2 (1), by inserting “the following” before the
3 colon; and

4 (ii) by adding at the end the following
5 new paragraph:

6 “(8) The Space National Guard of the United
7 States.”.

8 (2) TITLE 32, UNITED STATES CODE.—Section
9 101 of title 32, United States Code is amended—

10 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “and the
11 Air National Guard” and inserting “the Air
12 National Guard of the United States, and the
13 Space National Guard”;

14 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “and the
15 Air National Guard” and inserting “, the Air
16 National Guard, and the Space National
17 Guard”;

18 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (8)
19 through (19) as paragraphs (10) through (21),
20 respectively; and

21 (D) by inserting after paragraph (7) the
22 following new paragraphs:

23 “(8) The term ‘Space National Guard’ means
24 that part of the organized militia of the States speci-
25 fied in section 2(a)(3) of the Space National Guard

1 Establishment Act of 2025, active and inactive,
2 that—

3 “(A) is a space force;

4 “(B) is trained, and has its officers ap-
5 pointed under the sixteenth clause of section 8,
6 article I of the Constitution;

7 “(C) is organized, armed, and equipped
8 wholly or partly at Federal expense; and

9 “(D) is federally recognized.

10 “(9) The term ‘Space National Guard of the
11 United States’ means the reserve component of the
12 Space Force all of whose members are members of
13 the Space National Guard.”;

14 (E) in paragraph (21), as redesignated by
15 subparagraph (C), by striking “or the Air Na-
16 tional Guard of the United States” and insert-
17 ing “, the Air National Guard of the United
18 States, or the Space National Guard of the
19 United States”.

20 (b) RESERVE COMPONENTS.—Chapter 1003 of title
21 10, United States Code, is amended—

22 (1) by adding at the end the following new sec-
23 tions:

1 **“§ 10115. Space National Guard of the United States:**
 2 **composition**

3 “The Space National Guard of the United States is
 4 the reserve component of the Space Force that consists
 5 of—

6 “(1) federally recognized units and organiza-
 7 tions of the Space National Guard; and

8 “(2) members of the Space National Guard who
 9 are also Reserves of the Space Force.

10 **“§ 10116. Space National Guard: when a component of**
 11 **the Space Force**

12 “The Space National Guard while in the service of
 13 the United States is a component of the Space Force.

14 **“§ 10117. Space National Guard of the United States:**
 15 **status when not in Federal service**

16 “When not on active duty, members of the Space Na-
 17 tional Guard of the United States shall be administered,
 18 armed, equipped, and trained in their status as members
 19 of the Space National Guard.”; and

20 (2) in the table of sections at the beginning of
 21 such chapter, by adding at the end the following new
 22 items:

“10115. Space National Guard of the United States: composition.

“10116. Space National Guard: when a component of the Space Force.

“10117. Space National Guard of the United States: status when not in Federal
 service.”.

