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S. 687

To amend title 10, United States Code, to prohibit the concurrent deployment to combat zones of both military spouses of military families with minor children, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 21, 2003

Mrs. BOXER 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protect Military Chil-
5 dren Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON CONCURRENT DEPLOYMENT TO**
 2 **COMBAT ZONES OF BOTH MILITARY SPOUSES**
 3 **OF MILITARY FAMILIES WITH MINOR CHILD-**
 4 **DREN.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—(1) Chapter 49 of title 10,
 6 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
 7 following new section:

8 **“§ 987. Concurrent deployment to combat zones of**
 9 **both spouses of dual-military families**
 10 **with minor children**

11 “(a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Defense may
 12 not authorize the concurrent deployment to a combat zone
 13 of both spouses of a dual-military family with one or more
 14 minor children.

15 “(b) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe
 16 regulations with respect to the prohibition in subsection
 17 (a), including the criteria for determining the areas consti-
 18 tuting a combat zone for purposes of the prohibition.

19 “(c) DUAL-MILITARY FAMILY DEFINED.—In this
 20 section, the term ‘dual-military family’ means a family in
 21 which both spouses are members of the armed forces.”.

22 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such
 23 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following
 24 new item:

“987. Concurrent deployment to combat zones of both spouses of dual-military
 families with minor children.”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—(1) The prohibition in sub-
2 section (a) of section 987 of title 10, United States Code
3 (as added by subsection (a) of this section), shall take ef-
4 fect 15 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

5 (2) The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe the regu-
6 lations required by subsection (b) of such section 987 (as
7 so added) so as to take effect upon the effective date under
8 paragraph (1) of the prohibition referred to in that para-
9 graph.

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