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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2009

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. EXTENSION OF NATIONAL GUARD AUTHORI-**
4 **TIES TO MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUM-**
5 **BIA.**

6 (a) **MAYOR AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.**—Section 6 of
7 the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the organization
8 of the militia of the District of Columbia, and for other
9 purposes”, approved March 1, 1889 (sec. 49–409, D.C.
10 Official Code), is amended by striking “President of the
11 United States” and inserting “Mayor of the District of
12 Columbia”.

13 (b) **RESERVE CORPS.**—Section 72 of such Act (sec.
14 49–407, D.C. Official Code) is amended by striking
15 “President of the United States” each place it appears
16 and inserting “Mayor of the District of Columbia”.

17 (c) **APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.**—
18 (1) Section 7(a) of such Act (sec. 49–301(a), D.C. Official
19 Code) is amended—

20 (A) by striking “President of the United
21 States” and inserting “Mayor of the District of Co-
22 lumbia”; and

23 (B) by striking “President.” and inserting
24 “Mayor.”.

1 (2) Section 9 of such Act (sec. 49–304, D.C. Official
2 Code) is amended by striking “President” and inserting
3 “Mayor of the District of Columbia”.

4 (3) Section 13 of such Act (sec. 49–305, D.C. Official
5 Code) is amended by striking “President of the United
6 States” and inserting “Mayor of the District of Colum-
7 bia”.

8 (4) Section 19 of such Act (sec. 49–311, D.C. Official
9 Code) is amended—

10 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “to the Sec-
11 retary of the Army” and all that follows through
12 “which board” and inserting “to a board of exam-
13 ination appointed by the Commanding General,
14 which”; and

15 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “the Sec-
16 retary of the Army” and all that follows through the
17 period and inserting “the Mayor of the District of
18 Columbia, together with any recommendations of the
19 Commanding General.”.

20 (5) Section 20 of such Act (sec. 49–312, D.C. Official
21 Code) is amended—

22 (A) by striking “President of the United
23 States” each place it appears and inserting “Mayor
24 of the District of Columbia”; and

1 (B) by striking “the President may retire” and
2 inserting “the Mayor may retire”.

3 (d) CALL FOR DUTY.—(1) Section 45 of such Act
4 (sec. 49–103, D.C. Official Code) is amended by striking
5 “, or for the United States Marshal” and all that follows
6 through “shall thereupon order” and inserting “to order”.

7 (2) Section 46 of such Act (sec. 49–104, D.C. Official
8 Code) is amended by striking “the President” and insert-
9 ing “the Mayor of the District of Columbia”.

10 (e) GENERAL COURTS MARTIAL.—Section 51 of such
11 Act (sec. 49–503, D.C. Official Code) is amended by strik-
12 ing “the President of the United States” and inserting
13 “the Mayor of the District of Columbia”.

14 **SEC. 2. RETENTION OF PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORITY OVER**
15 **USE OF NATIONAL GUARD OF THE DISTRICT**
16 **OF COLUMBIA TO RESPOND TO HOMELAND**
17 **DEFENSE EMERGENCIES.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 9 of title 32, United
19 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
20 lowing new section:

21 **“§ 909. Control of National Guard of the District of**
22 **Columbia for homeland defense activities**

23 “Notwithstanding the authority of the Mayor of the
24 District of Columbia as the Commander-in-Chief of the
25 National Guard of the District of Columbia, as provided

1 by section 6 of the Act entitled ‘An Act to provide for
2 the organization of the militia of the District of Columbia,
3 and for other purposes’, approved March 1, 1889 (sec. 49–
4 409, D.C. Official Code), the President retains control
5 over units and members of the National Guard of the Dis-
6 trict of Columbia to conduct homeland defense activities
7 that the President determines to be necessary and appro-
8 priate for participation by the National Guard units or
9 members.”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
11 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
12 at the end the following new item:

“909. Control of National Guard of the District of Columbia for homeland de-
fense activities.”.

13 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 10, UNITED**
14 **STATES CODE.**

15 (a) FAILURE TO SATISFACTORILY PERFORM PRE-
16 SCRIBED TRAINING.—Section 10148(b) of such title is
17 amended by striking “the commanding general of the Dis-
18 trict of Columbia National Guard” and inserting “the
19 Mayor of the District of Columbia”.

20 (b) APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF OF NATIONAL GUARD
21 BUREAU.—Section 10502(a)(1) of such title is amended
22 by striking “the commanding general of the District of
23 Columbia National Guard” and inserting “the Mayor of
24 the District of Columbia”.

1 (c) VICE CHIEF OF NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU.—
2 Section 10505(a)(1)(A) of such title is amended by strik-
3 ing “the commanding general of the District of Columbia
4 National Guard” and inserting “the Mayor of the District
5 of Columbia”.

6 (d) OTHER SENIOR NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU OF-
7 FICERS.—Section 10506(a)(1) of such title is amended by
8 striking “the commanding general of the District of Co-
9 lumbia National Guard” both places it appears and insert-
10 ing “the Mayor of the District of Columbia”.

11 (e) CONSENT FOR ACTIVE DUTY OR RELOCATION.—
12 (1) Section 12301 of title 10, United States Code, is
13 amended—

14 (A) in subsection (b), by striking “commanding
15 general of the District of Columbia National Guard”
16 in the second sentence and inserting “Mayor of the
17 District of Columbia”; and

18 (B) in subsection (d), by striking “governor or
19 other appropriate authority of the State concerned”
20 and inserting “governor of the State (or, in the case
21 of the District of Columbia National Guard, the
22 Mayor of the District of Columbia)”.

23 (2) Section 12406 of such title is amended by striking
24 “the commanding general of the National Guard of the

1 District of Columbia” and inserting “the Mayor of the
2 District of Columbia”.

3 (f) CONSENT FOR RELOCATION OF UNITS.—Section
4 18238 of such title is amended by striking “the com-
5 manding general of the National Guard of the District of
6 Columbia” and inserting “the Mayor of the District of Co-
7 lumbia”.

8 **SEC. 4. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 32, UNITED**
9 **STATES CODE.**

10 (a) MAINTENANCE OF OTHER TROOPS.—Section
11 109(e) of title 32, United States Code, is amended by
12 striking “(or commanding general in the case of the Dis-
13 trict of Columbia)”.

14 (b) DRUG INTERDICTION AND COUNTER-DRUG AC-
15 TIVITIES.—Section 112(h)(2) of such title is amended by
16 striking “the Commanding General of the National Guard
17 of the District of Columbia” and inserting “the Mayor of
18 the District of Columbia”.

19 (c) ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.—Section 113 of such
20 title is amended by adding at the end the following new
21 subsection:

22 “(e) INCLUSION OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—In
23 this section, the term ‘State’ includes the District of Co-
24 lumbia.”.

1 (d) APPOINTMENT OF ADJUTANT GENERAL.—Sec-
2 tion 314 of such title is amended—

3 (1) by striking subsection (b);

4 (2) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as
5 subsections (b) and (c), respectively; and

6 (3) in subsection (b) (as so redesignated), by
7 striking “the commanding general of the District of
8 Columbia National Guard” and inserting “the
9 Mayor of the District of Columbia,”.

10 (e) RELIEF FROM NATIONAL GUARD DUTY.—Sec-
11 tion 325(a)(2)(B) of such title is amended by striking “the
12 commanding general of the National Guard of the District
13 of Columbia” and inserting “the Mayor of the District of
14 Columbia”.

15 (f) PERSONNEL MATTERS.—Section 505 of such title
16 is amended by striking “commanding general of the Na-
17 tional Guard of the District of Columbia” in the first sen-
18 tence and inserting “Mayor of the District of Columbia”.

19 (g) NATIONAL GUARD CHALLENGE PROGRAM.—Sec-
20 tion 509 of such title is amended—

21 (1) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “the com-
22 manding general of the District of Columbia Na-
23 tional Guard, under which the Governor or the com-
24 manding general” and inserting “the Mayor of the

1 District of Columbia, under which the Governor or
2 the Mayor”;

3 (2) in subsection (g)(2), by striking “the com-
4 manding general of the District of Columbia Na-
5 tional Guard” and inserting “the Mayor of the Dis-
6 trict of Columbia”;

7 (3) in subsection (j), by striking “the com-
8 manding general of the District of Columbia Na-
9 tional Guard” and inserting “the Mayor of the Dis-
10 trict of Columbia”; and

11 (4) in subsection (k), by striking “the com-
12 manding general of the District of Columbia Na-
13 tional Guard” and inserting “the Mayor of the Dis-
14 trict of Columbia”.

15 (h) ISSUANCE OF SUPPLIES.—Section 702(a) of such
16 title is amended by striking “commanding general of the
17 National Guard of the District of Columbia” and inserting
18 “Mayor of the District of Columbia”.

19 (i) APPOINTMENT OF FISCAL OFFICER.—Section
20 708(a) of such title is amended by striking “commanding
21 general of the National Guard of the District of Colum-
22 bia” and inserting “Mayor of the District of Columbia”.

1 **SEC. 5. CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO THE DISTRICT OF**
2 **COLUMBIA HOME RULE ACT.**

3 Section 602(b) of the District of Columbia Home
4 Rule Act (sec. 1-206.02(b), D.C. Official Code) is amend-
5 ed by striking “the National Guard of the District of Co-
6 lumbia,”.

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