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To provide for a safe to report policy relating to alleged instances of sexual assault involving members of the Armed Forces.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY) 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. SAFE TO REPORT POLICY APPLICABLE ACROSS**
4 **THE ARMED FORCES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall,
6 in consultation with the Secretaries of the military depart-
7 ments and the Secretary of Homeland Security, prescribe
8 in regulations a safe to report policy described in sub-
9 section (b) that applies with respect to all members of the
10 Armed Forces (including members of the reserve compo-

1 nents of the Armed Forces) and cadets and midshipmen
2 at the military service academies.

3 (b) SAFE TO REPORT POLICY.—The safe to report
4 policy described in this subsection is a policy under which
5 a member of the Armed Forces who is the alleged victim
6 of sexual assault, but who may have committed minor col-
7 lateral misconduct at or about the time of such sexual as-
8 sault, or whose minor collateral misconduct is discovered
9 only as a result of the investigation into such sexual as-
10 sault, may report such sexual assault to proper authorities
11 without fear or receipt of discipline in connection with
12 such minor collateral misconduct absent aggravating cir-
13 cumstances that increase the gravity of the minor collat-
14 eral misconduct or its impact on good order and discipline.

15 (c) MINOR COLLATERAL MISCONDUCT.—For pur-
16 poses of the safe to report policy, minor collateral mis-
17 conduct shall include any of the following:

- 18 (1) Improper use or possession of alcohol.
- 19 (2) Consensual intimate behavior (including
20 adultery) or fraternization.
- 21 (3) Presence in an off-limits area.
- 22 (4) Such other misconduct as the Secretary of
23 Defense shall specify in the regulations under sub-
24 section (a).

1 (d) AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES.—The regula-
2 tions under subsection (a) shall specify aggravating cir-
3 cumstances that increase the gravity of minor collateral
4 misconduct or its impact on good order and discipline for
5 purposes of the safe to report policy.

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