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H. R. 644

To amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the roles and responsibilities of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 10, 2011

Mr. RAHALL introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Guardians of Freedom
5 Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. CHIEF OF NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU.**

7 (a) **ROLE AS ADVOCATE AND LIAISON.**—Section
8 10502 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as
10 subsections (f) and (g), respectively; and

1 (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
2 lowing new subsection (d):

3 “(d) ADVOCATE AND LIAISON FOR STATE NATIONAL
4 GUARDS.—The Chief of the National Guard Bureau shall
5 serve as an advocate and liaison for the National Guard
6 of each State, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Dis-
7 trict of Columbia, Guam, and the Virgin Islands and in-
8 form such National Guards of all actions that could affect
9 their Federal or State missions, including any equipment
10 level or force structure changes.”.

11 (b) INCLUSION AS MEMBER OF JOINT CHIEFS OF
12 STAFF.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Such section is further
14 amended by inserting after subsection (d), as added
15 by subsection (a) of this section, the following new
16 subsection:

17 “(e) MEMBER OF JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.—(1) The
18 Chief of the National Guard Bureau shall be a member
19 of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under section 151 of this title.

20 “(2) As a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the
21 Chief of the National Guard Bureau has the specific re-
22 sponsibility of advocating for the National Guards of the
23 States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of
24 Columbia, Guam, and the Virgin Islands and coordinating
25 the efforts of the National Guard warfighting support and

1 force provider mission with the homeland defense, defense
2 support to civil authorities, and State emergency response
3 missions of the National Guard to ensure the National
4 Guard has the resources to perform its multiple missions.

5 “(3) The Chief of the National Guard Bureau shall
6 consult with the Governors and their Adjutant Generals
7 before any changes are made in National Guard force
8 structure or equipment levels (or both) to determine the
9 impact those changes may have on the homeland defense,
10 defense support to civil authorities, and State emergency
11 response missions of the National Guard.”.

12 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
13 151(a) of such title is amended by adding at the end
14 the following new paragraph:

15 “(7) The Chief of the National Guard Bu-
16 reau.”.

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