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S. 242

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 31, 2011

Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. WYDEN) 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 “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—

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

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

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

13 (b) INCLUSION AS MEMBER OF JOINT CHIEFS OF
14 STAFF.—

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

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

22 “(2) As a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the
23 Chief of the National Guard Bureau has the specific re-
24 sponsibility of advocating for the National Guards of the
25 States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of

1 Columbia, Guam, and the Virgin Islands and coordinate
2 the efforts of the National Guard warfighting support and
3 force provider mission with the homeland defense, defense
4 support to civil authorities, and State emergency response
5 missions of the National Guard to ensure the National
6 Guard has the resources to perform its multiple missions.

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

14 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
15 151(a) of such title is amended by adding at the end
16 the following new paragraph:

17 “(7) The Chief of the National Guard Bu-
18 reau.”.

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