

114TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 2563

To affirm the importance of the land forces of the United States Armed Forces and to authorize fiscal year 2016 end-strength minimum levels for the active and reserve components of such land forces, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 22, 2016

Mr. MORAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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 “Protecting Our Secu-  
5 rity Through Utilizing Right-Sized End-Strengths Act of  
6 2016” or the “POSTURE Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2       Given the volatile, uncertain, and ambiguous world  
3 and the need for trained and ready Land Forces of the  
4 United States, in conjunction with joint and multinational  
5 forces, to deter threats, shape the international security  
6 environment, respond to emergent situations and crises,  
7 and, if necessary, to fight and win the Nation's wars, it  
8 is the sense of Congress that the planned drawdown of  
9 Land Forces should immediately cease.

10 **SEC. 3. FISCAL YEAR 2016 END STRENGTH LEVELS FOR**  
11 **LAND FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.**

12 (a) ACTIVE FORCES.—

13       (1) ARMY.—The authorized strength for active  
14 duty personnel of the Army as of September 30,  
15 2016, is 480,000.

16       (2) MARINE CORPS.—The authorized strength  
17 for active duty personnel of the Marine Corps as of  
18 September 30, 2016, is 184,000.

19 (b) SELECTED RESERVE.—

20       (1) ARMY RESERVE COMPONENTS.—The au-  
21 thorized strength for Selected Reserve personnel of  
22 the reserve components of the Army as of September  
23 30, 2016, are as follows:

24               (A) The Army National Guard of the  
25 United States, 350,000.

26               (B) The Army Reserve, 205,000.

1           (2) MARINE CORPS RESERVE.—The authorized  
2           strength for Selected Reserve personnel of the Ma-  
3           rine Corps Reserve as of September 30, 2016, is  
4           38,900.

5 **SEC. 4. REVISION IN PERMANENT ACTIVE DUTY END**  
6           **STRENGTH MINIMUM LEVELS.**

7           Section 691(b) of title 10, United States Code, is  
8           amended by striking paragraphs (1) through (4) and in-  
9           serting the following:

10           “(1) For the Army, 480,000.

11           “(2) For the Navy, 329,200.

12           “(3) For the Marine Corps, 184,000.

13           “(4) For the Air Force, 317,000.”.

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