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To direct the Secretary of the Army to designate the Deputy Under Secretary of the Army as principal official responsible for explosive ordnance disposal.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CRAWFORD (for himself and Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia) 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 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Department of the Army’s Explosive Ordnance Disposal
6 Enterprise Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF**
2 **THE ARMY AS PRINCIPAL OFFICIAL RESPON-**
3 **SIBLE FOR EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7014 of title 10, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing new subsection:

7 “(g)(1) The Secretary of the Army shall designate
8 the Deputy Under Secretary of the Army as the official
9 within the Office of the Secretary of the Army with prin-
10 cipal responsibility for the explosive ordnance disposal en-
11 terprise of the Army.

12 “(2) The responsibilities of the Deputy Under
13 Secretary of the Army under this subsection shall in-
14 clude—

15 “(A) providing oversight and strategic di-
16 rection for the management and operations of
17 the explosive ordnance disposal enterprise of the
18 Army, including planning, programming, budg-
19 eting, and execution;

20 “(B) providing strategic direction for the
21 funding of the enterprise, including funding
22 for—

23 “(i) manning, training, organizing,
24 equipping (including any associated re-
25 search and development), and sustaining
26 the enterprise; and

1 “(ii) supporting military installations
2 that comprise the enterprise;

3 “(C) providing strategic direction for the
4 activities of the enterprise in providing explosive
5 ordnance disposal support for—

6 “(i) the President;

7 “(ii) combatant commanders;

8 “(iii) military installations; and

9 “(iv) civilian law enforcement agencies
10 (in accordance with sections 282 and 283
11 of this title); and

12 “(D) providing strategic direction on the
13 activities of the enterprise over the full range of
14 military operations from irregular warfare to
15 large-scale ground combat.

16 “(3) On an annual basis, the Deputy Under
17 Secretary of the Army shall provide to the Commit-
18 tees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House
19 of Representatives a briefing on the status of the ex-
20 plosive ordnance disposal enterprise of the Army.
21 The briefing shall include, with respect to the period
22 covered by the most recent future-years defense pro-
23 gram submitted to Congress under section 221 of
24 this title (as of the date of the briefing), an estimate
25 of the total obligatory authority for the enterprise

1 and the numbers and types of personnel expected to
2 be assigned to the enterprise.

3 “(4) In this subsection, the terms ‘explosive
4 ordnance’ and ‘explosive ordnance disposal’ have the
5 meanings given those terms in section 2284(d).”.

6 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
7 subsection (a) shall take effect 180 days after the date
8 of the enactment of this Act.

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