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# S. 62

To require enhance congressional oversight of military inspections

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES  
January 16, 2025

Mr. RoFiles (for himself) introduced the following act; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security,

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# A BILL

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress Assembled.*

## **SEC 1. SHORT TITLE**

This Act shall be referred to as the “Inspect Our Soldiers.”

## **SEC 2. SEVERABILITY**

This Act shall be severable, such that if any word, phrase, line, sentence or provision of this Act, or the application of any of them to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, their application to other persons or circumstances, and the remainder of this Act shall not be affected thereby.

This Act shall not be superseded by any newer law unless that law specifically declares its intent to supersede this Act’s provisions.

## **SEC 3. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This act shall go into effect immediately following enactment.

## **SEC 4. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE**

### **(a) Findings:**

- (i) Effective oversight of military operations and readiness is essential to national security and accountability.
- (ii) Members of Congress serving on the Homeland Security and Armed Services Committees have a critical role in ensuring that military operations meet the highest standards of efficiency and preparedness.

### **(b) Purpose:** to enhance congressional oversight by ensuring members of the Homeland Security and

Armed Services Committees are granted the opportunity to participate in military inspections with adequate notice.

## **SEC 5. REQUIREMENT FOR NOTIFICATION AND INVITATION**

### **(a) Definitions:**

- (i) “Secretary” refers to the Secretary of Defense.
- (ii) “Inspection” refers to any official review, assessment, or evaluation of military operations, readiness, facilities, or personnel conducted by or on behalf of the United States Military Joint Chiefs, Department of Defense, Board of Governors, or President.
- (iii) “Members” refers to duly elected members of the Homeland Security Committee of the Senate and the Armed Services Committee of the House of Representatives.

### **(b) (b) Notification:**

- (i) The Secretary shall provide written notification to all Members of the Homeland Security and Armed Services Committees at least 24 hours prior to any inspection.
- (ii) Notifications shall include the following details:
  - (1) Date, time, and location of the inspection.
  - (2) Scope and purpose of the inspection.

(3) Relevant points of contact for coordination.

(c) Invitation to Attend:

- (i) The Secretary shall extend an invitation to all Members to attend and observe any inspection conducted.
- (ii) Members attending such inspections shall be provided with all reasonable accommodations necessary to fulfill their oversight duties.
- (iii) An invitation to individual members may only be retracted if a member is explicitly and clearly obstructing the inspection.
  - (1) Should a member's invitation be revoked and the member removed from inspection, the Secretary shall submit a notice to the respective Chairmen of the committees with proof of obstruction.

## **SEC 6. ENFORCEMENT**

The Secretary shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this Act and establish mechanisms to address any failures of notification or accommodation.