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To amend title 10, United States Code, to strengthen the limitations on participation by the Armed Forces in overseas airshows and trade exhibitions involving military equipment.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STARK (for himself, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mr. STRICKLAND) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. CODIFICATION AND EXTENSION OF LIMITA-**
2 **TIONS ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PAR-**
3 **TICIPATION IN AND SUPPORT FOR OVERSEAS**
4 **AIR SHOWS AND TRADE EXHIBITIONS.**

5 (a) CODIFICATION AND STRENGTHENING OF LIMITA-
6 TIONS.—(1) Chapter 152 of title 10, United States Code,
7 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:
8 **“§ 2555. Overseas airshows and trade exhibitions:**
9 **participation prohibited; limitations on**
10 **support for contractors**

11 “(a) PROHIBITION ON MILITARY PARTICIPATION.—
12 The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of a military
13 department may not—

14 “(1) authorize the participation by the armed
15 forces in an airshow or trade exhibition held outside
16 the United States (other than the support author-
17 ized in subsection (b)); or

18 “(2) use the training or readiness requirements
19 of the armed forces in order to provide support indi-
20 rectly for any such airshow or trade exhibition.

21 “(b) LIMITATION ON SUPPORT FOR CONTRACTOR
22 PARTICIPATION.—The Secretary of Defense, and the Sec-
23 retaries of the military departments with respect to their
24 respective departments, may, upon the request of a busi-
25 ness firm or industrial association, provide support to that
26 firm or association at an airshow or trade exhibition to

1 be held outside the United States in the form of the dis-
2 play or demonstration of military equipment if the firm
3 or association agrees to reimburse the United States for
4 all incremental costs of the Department of Defense for
5 that support.

6 “(c) INCREMENTAL COSTS.—Incremental costs for
7 purposes of subsection (b) are the following:

8 “(1) All incremental costs of military personnel
9 accompanying the equipment or assisting the firm or
10 association in the display or demonstration of the
11 equipment, including costs of food, lodging, and local
12 transportation.

13 “(2) All incremental transportation costs in-
14 curred in moving the equipment from its normally
15 assigned location to the airshow or trade exhibition
16 and return.

17 “(3) Any other miscellaneous incremental cost
18 (such as insurance costs or ramp fees) not covered
19 by paragraph (1) or (2) that is incurred by the
20 United States but would not have been incurred had
21 the Department of Defense not provided support to
22 the firm or industrial association under subsection
23 (b).”.

1 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such
2 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following
3 new item:

“2555. Overseas airshows and trade exhibitions: participation prohibited; limitations on support for contractors.”.

4 (b) REPEAL OF EXISTING LIMITATIONS.—Section
5 1082 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
6 Year 1993 (Public Law 102–484; 10 U.S.C. 113 note) is
7 repealed.

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