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To achieve operational control of the international border between the United States and Mexico through the deployment of members of the National Guard in support of the United States Customs and Border Protection, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SCHWEIKERT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Southwest Border Pro-
5 tection Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACTIVATION AND DEPLOYMENT OF MEMBERS OF**
2 **THE NATIONAL GUARD TO SUPPORT DEPART-**
3 **MENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BORDER**
4 **CONTROL ACTIVITIES ALONG INTER-**
5 **NATIONAL BORDER BETWEEN THE UNITED**
6 **STATES AND MEXICO.**

7 (a) EXPANDED DEPLOYMENT OF NATIONAL
8 GUARD.—At the request of a Governor of a State that
9 shares a portion of the international border between the
10 United States and Mexico, the Secretary of Defense shall
11 order to active duty, and provide for the deployment of,
12 members of the National Guard along such border the as-
13 sist United States Customs and Border Protection in
14 achieving operational control of such border.

15 (b) NUMBER OF GUARDSMEN DEPLOYED.—At least
16 10,000 members of the National Guard shall be ordered
17 to active duty and deployed under the authority of this
18 section along the international border between the United
19 States and Mexico. Members ordered to active duty and
20 deployed under the authority of this section shall be in
21 addition to the number of members of the National Guard
22 so deployed along such border as of the date of the enact-
23 ment of this Act.

24 (c) DURATION.—The deployment of members of the
25 National Guard under the authority of this section in a
26 State that shares a portion of the international border be-

1 tween the United States and Mexico shall continue until
2 the earlier of the following:

3 (1) The date on which the Secretary of Home-
4 land Security certifies that the Federal Government
5 has achieved operational control of such border.

6 (2) The date on which the Governor of the
7 State withdraws the request made under subsection
8 (a).

9 (d) EXEMPTION FROM END STRENGTHS AND OTHER
10 LIMITATIONS.—Members of the National Guard deployed
11 under the authority of this section shall not be counted
12 toward —

13 (1) any limits on end strength; or

14 (2) limits on the number of National Guard
15 personal that may be placed on active duty for oper-
16 ational support.

17 (e) OPERATIONAL CONTROL DEFINED.—In this sec-
18 tion, the term “operational control” has the meaning given
19 that term in section 2(b) of the Secure Fence Act of 2006
20 (Public Law 109–367; 8 U.S.C. 1701 note).