

TO: All Montana National Guard Officer and Enlisted Association members:

“LEGISLATIVE ALERT!”

URGENT UPDATE – HEARING DATE ASSIGNED!
IMMEDIATE RESPONSE REQUIRED

Please talk immediately to as many National Guard Association members (Officer and Enlisted) as possible to get them to contact their State Representative urging them to

“OPPOSE HB 404”

YES, THIS IS A REATTEMPT OF THE BILL WE DEFEATED LAST SESSION!

House Bill 404 - “AN ACT CREATING THE **“DEFEND THE GUARD ACT”**, REQUIRING AN OFFICIAL CONGRESSIONAL DECLARATION OR ACTION TO RELEASE THE MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD TO ACTIVE COMBAT DUTY; PROVIDING POWERS OF THE GOVERNOR REGARDING THE MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD, PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.”

To be heard in the House Energy, Technology, and Federal Relations (ETFR) Committee
Wednesday, February 26th, 3 pm, Room 472.

This bill jeopardizes MTNG missions, end strength, equipment, and funding:

- This bill is on a fast track to be passed in the House.
- This law would relegate our Montana National Guard to nothing more than a peacetime force, inaccessible by the Department of Defense for several missions, perhaps even precluding support of our State Partnership Program Nations or support of our troops at the Mexican Border.
- If the Montana National Guard cannot support all operations required by the President and Department of Defense, we will become the last to be called (if at all) and our missions, training, equipping and funding will be decimated
- Of the 2.1 million military members (AD, NG, Res), Montana National Guard is approximately 3,700. That is 17 ten thousandths of one percent (0.0017), hardly enough to fix the war declaration issue in our Congress
- **THIS IS IMPORTANT:** Not only contact your Representative of your **OPPOSITION** but send your message of **OPPOSITION** all members of the House
 - See below “Participate Site” for instructions.

How do I contact my State Representative?

See below links to communicate with your Legislators

- **Participate Site** – [Participate - Montana Legislature](#)
- You will need to ‘enroll’ for this site to send messages. Do it once and you are good for the session
 - **Legislator?** - [Districts - Montana Legislature](#)
 - **Contact My Legislator** - [Participate - Montana Legislature](#)
 - **Or, leave a message:** 406.444.4800

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