

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1540, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. POLIS OF COLORADO
(National Defense Authorization Act)

At the end of title XII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 12___ . REDUCTION IN END STRENGTH LEVEL OF**
2 **MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED**
3 **FORCES ASSIGNED TO PERMANENT DUTY IN**
4 **EUROPE AND CORRESPONDING GENERAL**
5 **END STRENGTH REDUCTIONS.**

6 (a) **EUROPEAN END STRENGTH LEVEL.**—Effective
7 September 30, 2012, the end strength level of members
8 of the Armed Forces of the United States assigned to per-
9 manent duty ashore in Europe may not exceed a perma-
10 nent ceiling of 30,000 in any fiscal year.

11 (b) **EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN MEMBERS.**—For pur-
12 poses of this section, the following members of the Armed
13 Forces are excluded in calculating the end strength level
14 of members of the Armed Forces of the United States as-
15 signed to permanent duty ashore in Europe:

16 (1) Members assigned to permanent duty
17 ashore in Iceland, Greenland, and the Azores.

1 (2) Members performing duties in Europe for
2 more than 179 days under a military-to-military
3 contact program under section 168 of title 10,
4 United States Code.

5 (c) EXCEPTIONS; WAIVER.—This section shall not
6 apply in the event of a declaration of war or an armed
7 attack on any European member nation of the North At-
8 lantic Treaty Organization. The President may waive op-
9 eration of this section if the President declares an emer-
10 gency and immediately informs the Congress of the waiver
11 and the reasons therefor.

12 (d) REPEAL OF SUPERCEDED END STRENGTH LIM-
13 ITATION.—Section 1002 of the Department of Defense Au-
14 thorization Act, 1985 (22 U.S.C. 1928 note) is repealed.

15 (e) CONFORMING CHANGES TO OVERALL END
16 STRENGTH LEVELS.—

17 (1) END STRENGTHS FOR ACTIVE FORCES FOR
18 FISCAL YEAR 2012 .—Notwithstanding section 401,
19 the Armed Forces are authorized strengths for ac-
20 tive duty personnel as of September 30, 2012, as
21 follows:

22 (A) The Army, 556,600.

23 (B) The Navy, 325,239.

24 (C) The Marine Corps, 202,000.

25 (D) The Air Force, 328,800.

1 (2) CONTINUATION OF REDUCTIONS IN SUBSE-
2 QUENT FISCAL YEARS.—For each of fiscal years
3 2013 through 2016, the end strength numbers shall
4 be reduced by an additional 10,000 a year, as fol-
5 lows:

6 (A) 5,400 a year from the Army.

7 (B) 4,000 a year from the Air Force.

8 (C) 500 a year from the Navy.

9 (D) 100 a year from the Marine Corps.

10 (3) REVISION IN PERMANENT ACTIVE DUTY
11 END STRENGTH MINIMUM LEVELS.—Section 691(b)
12 of title 10, United States Code, as amended by sec-
13 tion 402, is amended by striking paragraphs (1)
14 through (4) and inserting the following new para-
15 graphs:

16 “(1) For the Army, 535,000.

17 “(2) For the Navy, 323,239.

18 “(3) For the Marine Corps, 201,600.

19 “(4) For the Air Force, 312,800.”.

