NGAT Resolution Form

Title: SCRA for Texas State Active Duty

Description: Externd SCRA benefits to Texas Guardsmen on extended-duration SAD.

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Business Case:

Recent events with Operation Lone Star demonstrated that State Active Duty (SAD) can be an extended mission. The Governor of Texas mobilized Texas Guardsmen in a very short period of time to deploy away from their families, jobs, and their obligations with none of the federal protections afforded to the mobilizing servicemembers during a Title 32 or Title 10 mobilization under 50 U.S. Code Chapter 50 – SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL RELIEF, i.e. SCRA. Providing this protection would mitigate the friction of a no-notice mobilization under SAD. Further, the Governor of Texas has demonstrated the will to continue with this SAD mission for an extended period of time, continuing the risk to Texas Guardsmen under their obligations.

Extend Soldiers Credit Relief Act (SCRA) to those members who are involuntarily activated for State Active Duty (SAD) missions. This will include all members of other states supporting the border missions.

Recommendation:

Extend the SCRA benefit to Guardsmen serving in a State Active Duty (SAD) capacity for period greater than 30-days.