SEC. ___. INCREASE IN ARMY AUTHORIZATION FOR GENERAL OFFICERS SERVING IN THE GRADE OF O-10.

Section 525(a)(1)(A) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking "7" and inserting "8".

[Please note: The "Changes to Existing Law" section below sets out in red-line format how the legislative text would amend existing law.]

Section-by-Section Analysis

This legislative proposal would amend section 525 of title 10, United States Code, to increase the number of Army general officers authorized to serve in the grade of general from seven to eight. This increase will allow the Army to upgrade the position of Commanding General, United States Army Europe from lieutenant general to general.

The United States does not have an appropriate senior-level Army counterpart for continuous engagement and relationship building both within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and with armies in the region. In light of Russian aggression and the increased economic investment interest in Africa by other nations, the United States must reassure its allies and partners.

Additionally, the United States European Command currently has no designated capability to establish a theater joint force land component command. This proposal, if approved, would provide an Army senior leader to transition United States Army Europe to the role of a theater joint force land component command when directed by Commander, United States European Command.

Finally, the Army intends to unite the Army forces (United States Army Europe and United States Army Africa) stationed in Europe under a single commander with a proposed duty title of Commanding General, United States Army Europe – Africa. An increase in grade emphasizes the Army's commitment to Africa and Europe and is consistent with the National Security Strategy in regions where military leadership and structure is mainly land-centric. The presence of a four-star Army service component commander in the region emphasizes our national interests in Africa and Europe and provides valuable engagement opportunities while reinforcing training and readiness initiatives.

If this proposal is enacted, the Army Commanding General would be the only 4-star Army commanding general responsible for all Army forces in two major theaters of operation, and would be commensurate with the current Air Force and Navy Commanders in those theaters. Furthermore, the overall authorization for officers above the grade of major general will not change because it is capped in law at 46 (7 generals and 39 lieutenant generals). If this proposal is enacted, the Army would be authorized to allocate the overall authorization to 8 generals and 38 lieutenant generals.

Budget Implications: This proposal has no significant budgetary impact. Resources impacted are incidental in nature and amount, and are included within the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 President's Budget Request. This proposal would not increase pay because monthly basic pay for general officers is limited to Level II of the Executive Schedule.

PERSONNEL AFFECTED					
	FY 2021	**FY 2022**	**FY 2023**	**FY 2024**	**FY 2025**
Army	1	1	1	1	1
Total	1	1	1	1	1

Changes to Existing Law: This proposal would make the following change to section 525 of title 10, United States Code:

§ 525. Distribution of commissioned officers on active duty in general officer and flag officer grades

(a) For purposes of the applicable limitation in section 526(a) of this title on general and flag officers on active duty, no appointment of an officer on the active duty list may be made as follows:

(1) in the Army, if that appointment would result in more than—

(A) ~~7~~8 officers in the grade of general;

(B) 46 officers in a grade above the grade of major general; or

(C) 90 officers in the grade of major general;

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