



Resolution No. 08-02

Supporting Reserve Expeditionary Dental Readiness

WHEREAS current law does not provide sufficient flexibility or adequate advance notice to allow the Reserve components (RC) to dentally prepare forces for mobilization; and

WHEREAS, the RC must be able to provide dentally fit soldiers with critically needed skills to commanders as the wartime environment changes and the global war on Terrorism continues; and

WHEREAS, even Army Guard and Reserve soldiers (for example) whose units received notice three or more months prior to mobilization have dental non-deployable rates that approach 60 percent; and

WHEREAS, post-mobilization dental examinations and treatments interfere with training and mobilization activities and processing, place undue stress on soldiers, and divert time and resources from the Army Dental Command's mission of providing support to active duty units; and

WHEREAS, the ability to offer dental screening and treatment 24 months prior to mobilization would considerably increase the current and post mobilization dental readiness of these soldiers and units in support of the Army Force Generation Model;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senior Army Reserve Commanders Association urge the Congress to amend Title 10, United States Code, Section 1074a to provide dental screening and care for members of the Army's Reserve components prior to mobilization.

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