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The Honorable Richard B. Cheney
President of the Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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**SEC. ____ . REVISION OF DETERMINATION REGARDING CONTINUATION OF
NAVY TRAINING ON ISLAND OF VIEQUES.**

1 Title XV of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (Public Law
2 106-398, 114 Stat. 1654A-348) is amended—

3 (1) by repealing sections 1503 and 1504;

4 (2) in section 1505—

5 (A) by striking the heading “Requirements if training is not approved or mandate
6 for referendum is vitiated” and inserting “Requirements to terminate training”;

7 (B) by striking subsection (a);

8 (C) in paragraph (e)(2) by striking all that remains after "paragraph (1)" to the
9 end of the paragraph and inserting "by May 1, 2004";

10 (3) in section 1507(c)—

11 (A) by striking "the issuance of a proclamation described in section 1504(a) or
12 the enactment of a law, after the date of "; and

13 (B) by striking “of this Act,” and inserting “of an Act”.

Sectional Analysis

Paragraph (1) deletes the requirement for a referendum by the Vieques electorate on whether the electorate approves or disapproves of the continuation of the conduct of live-fire training, and any other training, by the Armed Forces at the Navy’s training sites on the island of Vieques.

Paragraph (2) provides a new heading for the new subsection 1503, which reflects that training on the island of Vieques will terminate.

Paragraph (3) strikes out the current requirement for a Presidential proclamation if a referendum approves continued training on the island of Vieques.