

Japanese military going into space?

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Japan's Liberal Democratic Party has drafted a bill to allow Japan's military into space.

The calls for the military to venture into space within the parameters of self-defense rights. That would be a drastic change from the current civilian-based limitations that Japan has placed on space ventures.

The bill calls for diverting funds from space research and development into security and engineering.

Kyodo News reports the bill should be ready for consideration in the Japanese parliament by fall.

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