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To amend title 49, United States Code, to revise small unmanned aircraft system safety standards, and for other purposes.

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Mr. GALLAGHER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Drone Safety State-
5 ment Modernization Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DRONE SAFETY STATEMENT MODERNIZATION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 44805 of title 49, United
8 States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (h) by inserting “(excluding requirements under subsection (i))” after “requirements of this section”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(i) SAFETY STATEMENTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The manufacturer of a small unmanned aircraft system shall—

“(A) make available to the initial operator of such system the safety statement described in paragraph (2) at the time such operator activates such system for the first time; and

“(B) require such operator to electronically acknowledge that the operator has read and understands each component of the safety statement.

“(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The Administrator shall develop, maintain, and periodically review and revise requirements for the safety statement required under paragraph (1), which shall include—

“(A) information on, and sources of, laws and regulations applicable to the operation of small unmanned aircraft systems, including—

“(i) authorizations or regulations depending on the type of operation an individual is conducting and the qualifications

1 or certification of the individual operating
2 such system; and

3 “(ii) requirements regarding the oper-
4 ation of a small unmanned aircraft system
5 under section 44809;

6 “(B) information on temporary flight re-
7 strictions, airspace restrictions specific to un-
8 manned aircraft systems, and other types of
9 airspace restrictions;

10 “(C) methods approved by the Adminis-
11 trator for determining whether the operation of
12 a small unmanned aircraft system in particular
13 airspace is lawful or unlawful;

14 “(D) recommendations for using small un-
15 manned aircraft systems in a manner that pro-
16 motes the safety of persons and property;

17 “(E) potential consequences for operating
18 a small unmanned aircraft system in an unsafe
19 or unlawful manner, including—

20 “(i) potential consequences for oper-
21 ating such a system in restricted airspace;
22 and

23 “(ii) any enforcement action the Ad-
24 ministrator may pursue against an indi-
25 vidual operating a small unmanned aircraft

1 system who endangers the safety of the na-
2 tional airspace system; and

3 “(F) the date on which the safety state-
4 ment was created or last modified.

5 “(3) EXAMPLE STATEMENT.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120
7 days after the date of enactment of this sub-
8 section, the Administrator shall issue and there-
9 after maintain an example safety statement
10 that satisfies the requirements of paragraph
11 (2).

12 “(B) RESTRICTION.—The Administrator
13 may not require a manufacturer of a small un-
14 manned aircraft system to use the example
15 statement issued and maintained under sub-
16 paragraph (A).”.

17 (b) UPDATE OF SAFETY STATEMENT.—Not later
18 than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act,
19 and annually thereafter, the Administrator of the Federal
20 Aviation Administration shall review and revise, if nec-
21 essary, the requirements for the safety statement and the
22 example safety statement for small unmanned aircraft sys-
23 tems as required under section 44805(i) of title 49, United
24 States Code (as added by subsection (a)).

1 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 2203 of the
2 FAA Extension, Safety, and Security Act of 2016 (49
3 U.S.C. 44801 note) and the item relating to such section
4 in section 1(b) of such Act are repealed.

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