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To authorize the United States Capitol Police to take action with respect to threats from unmanned aircraft systems, and for other purposes.

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Mr. CRANE (for himself, Mr. PERRY, and Mr. MOORE of Alabama) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To authorize the United States Capitol Police to take action with respect to threats from unmanned aircraft systems, and for other purposes.

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 “USCP Empowerment
5 Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY OF UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE**
2 **WITH RESPECT TO UNMANNED AIRCRAFT**
3 **AND UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS.**

4 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—Notwithstanding section 46502 of
5 title 49, United States Code, or sections 32, 1030, and
6 1367 and chapters 119 and 206 of title 18, United States
7 Code, the Capitol Police Board may take, and may author-
8 ize personnel in the United States Capitol Police with as-
9 signed duties that include the security or protection of
10 people, facilities, or assets to take, such actions as are de-
11 scribed in subsection (b)(1) that are necessary to mitigate
12 a credible threat, as defined by the Capitol Police Board,
13 that an unmanned aircraft system poses to the safety or
14 security of a covered Capitol Police facility or asset.

15 (b) **ACTIONS DESCRIBED.**—

16 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The actions authorized in
17 subsection (a) are the following:

18 (A) During the operation of the unmanned
19 aircraft system, detect, identify, monitor, and
20 track the unmanned aircraft system, without
21 prior consent, including by means of intercept
22 or other access of a wire communication, an
23 oral communication, or an electronic commu-
24 nication used to control the unmanned aircraft
25 system.

1 (B) Warn the operator of the unmanned
2 aircraft system, including by passive or active,
3 and direct or indirect physical, electronic, radio,
4 and electromagnetic means.

5 (C) Disrupt control of the unmanned air-
6 craft system, without prior consent, including
7 by disabling the unmanned aircraft system by
8 intercepting, interfering, or causing interference
9 with wire, oral, electronic, or radio communica-
10 tions used to control the unmanned aircraft sys-
11 tem.

12 (D) Seize or exercise control of the un-
13 manned aircraft system.

14 (E) Seize or otherwise confiscate the un-
15 manned aircraft system.

16 (F) Use reasonable force, if necessary, to
17 disable, damage, or destroy the unmanned air-
18 craft system.

19 (2) REQUIRED COORDINATION.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Capitol Police
21 Board shall develop the actions described in
22 paragraph (1) in coordination with the Sec-
23 retary of Transportation.

24 (B) FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRA-
25 TION.—The Capitol Police Board shall coordi-

1 nate with the Administrator of the Federal
2 Aviation Administration when any action au-
3 thorized by this section may affect aviation
4 safety, civilian aviation or aerospace operations,
5 aircraft worthiness, or the use of the airspace.

6 (3) RESEARCH, TESTING, TRAINING, AND EVAL-
7 UATION.—The Capitol Police Board may conduct re-
8 search, testing, training on, or evaluation of any
9 equipment, including any electronic equipment, to
10 determine the capability or utility of the equipment
11 prior to the use of the equipment or the technology
12 included in the equipment for any action described
13 in subsection (b)(1).

14 (c) FORFEITURE.—Any unmanned aircraft system
15 described in subsection (a) seized pursuant to this section
16 is subject to forfeiture to the United States.

17 (d) REGULATIONS AND GUIDANCE.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—In coordination with the
19 Secretary of Transportation, the Capitol Police
20 Board may prescribe regulations and shall issue
21 guidance to carry out this Act.

22 (2) FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION.—
23 The Capitol Police Board shall coordinate with the
24 Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administra-
25 tion to issue any guidance or otherwise implement

1 this section if such guidance or implementation may
2 affect aviation safety, civilian aviation or aerospace
3 operations, aircraft airworthiness, or the use of air-
4 space.

5 (e) PRIVACY PROTECTION.—The regulations or guid-
6 ance issued to carry out the actions authorized under sub-
7 section (b) shall ensure that—

8 (1) the interception or acquisition of, or access
9 to, or maintenance or use of, communications to or
10 from an unmanned aircraft system under this sec-
11 tion is conducted in a manner consistent with the
12 First and Fourth Amendments to the Constitution
13 of the United States and applicable provisions of
14 Federal law;

15 (2) communications to or from an unmanned
16 aircraft system are intercepted or acquired only to
17 the extent necessary to support an action described
18 in subsection (b)(1);

19 (3) records of such communications are main-
20 tained only for as long as necessary, and in no event
21 for more than 180 days, unless the Capitol Police
22 Board determines that maintenance of such records
23 is necessary to investigate or prosecute a violation of
24 law, directly support an ongoing security operation,

1 is required under Federal law, or for the purpose of
2 any litigation;

3 (4) such communications are not disclosed out-
4 side the United States Capitol Police unless the dis-
5 closure—

6 (A) is necessary to investigate or prosecute
7 a violation of law;

8 (B) would support the Department of De-
9 fense, a Federal law enforcement agency, or the
10 enforcement activities of a regulatory agency of
11 the Federal Government in connection with a
12 criminal or civil investigation of, or any regu-
13 latory, statutory, or other enforcement action
14 relating to an action described in subsection
15 (b)(1); or

16 (C) is otherwise required by law; and

17 (5) to the extent necessary, the United States
18 Capitol Police may share threat information, which
19 shall not include communications referred to in sub-
20 section (b), with State, local, territorial, or tribal law
21 enforcement agencies in the course of a security or
22 protection operation.

23 (f) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months
25 after the date of the enactment of this section, and

1 every 6 months thereafter, the Chief of the Capitol
2 Police, or another individual designated by the Cap-
3 itol Police Board, shall provide to the appropriate
4 congressional committees a written report on the ac-
5 tivities of the Capitol Police Board carried out under
6 this section.

7 (2) CONTENT.—The report described in para-
8 graph (1) shall include—

9 (A) policies, programs, and procedures to
10 mitigate or eliminate impacts of such activities
11 to the National Airspace System;

12 (B) a description of instances in which ac-
13 tions described in subsection (b)(1) have been
14 taken, including all such instances that may
15 have resulted in harm, damage, or loss to a per-
16 son or to private property;

17 (C) a description of the guidance, policies,
18 or procedures established to address privacy,
19 civil rights, and civil liberties issues implicated
20 by the actions allowed under this section, as
21 well as any changes or subsequent efforts that
22 would significantly affect privacy, civil rights or
23 civil liberties;

24 (D) a description of options considered and
25 steps taken to mitigate any identified impacts

1 to the national airspace system related to the
2 use of any system or technology, including the
3 minimization of the use of any technology that
4 disrupts the transmission of radio or electronic
5 signals, for carrying out the actions described
6 in subsection (b)(1);

7 (E) a description of instances in which
8 communications intercepted or acquired during
9 the course of operations of an unmanned air-
10 craft system were held for more than 180 days
11 or shared outside of the United States Capitol
12 Police;

13 (F) how the Capitol Police Board has—

14 (i) informed the public as to the pos-
15 sible use of authorities under this section;
16 and

17 (ii) engaged with Federal, State, and
18 local law enforcement agencies to imple-
19 ment and use such authorities; and

20 (G) a description of any new technology or
21 equipment deployed by the Capitol Police Board
22 to carry out the actions described in subsection
23 (b)(1) and the options considered to mitigate
24 any identified impacts to the national airspace

1 system related to the use of the technology or
2 equipment.

3 (3) UNCLASSIFIED FORM.—The report de-
4 scribed in paragraph (1) shall be in unclassified
5 form, but may be accompanied by an additional clas-
6 sified annex.

7 (g) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—

8 (1) Nothing in this section may be construed to
9 vest in the Capitol Police Board any authority of the
10 Secretary of Transportation or the Administrator of
11 the Federal Aviation Administration.

12 (2) Nothing in this section may be construed to
13 vest in the Secretary of Transportation or the Ad-
14 ministrator of the Federal Aviation Administration
15 any authority of the Capitol Police Board.

16 (h) TERMINATION.—The authority to carry out this
17 section with respect to a covered Capitol Police facility or
18 asset described in subparagraph (C) of subsection (j)(2)
19 shall terminate on the date identified in section 210G(i)
20 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 124n).

21 (i) SCOPE OF AUTHORITY.—The Capitol Police
22 Board may not operate any other program to mitigate a
23 credible threat posed by an unmanned aircraft system
24 other than the program under this section.

25 (j) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
2 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
3 mittees” means the following:

4 (A) The Committee on House Administra-
5 tion of the House of Representatives.

6 (B) The Committee on Rules and Adminis-
7 tration of the Senate.

8 (2) COVERED CAPITOL POLICE FACILITY OR
9 ASSET.—The term “covered Capitol Police facility or
10 asset” means—

11 (A) the Capitol Buildings as described in
12 section 5101 of title 40, United States Code;

13 (B) the United States Capitol Grounds as
14 described in section 5102 of title 40, United
15 States Code; or

16 (C) any area described in section 9A(a) of
17 the Act entitled “An Act to define the area of
18 the United States Capitol Grounds, to regulate
19 the use thereof, and for other purposes”, ap-
20 proved July 31, 1946 (2 U.S.C. 1966(a)), as di-
21 rected by the Capitol Police Board.

22 (3) ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION; INTERCEPT;
23 ORAL COMMUNICATION; WIRE COMMUNICATION.—
24 The terms “electronic communication”, “intercept”,
25 “oral communication”, and “wire communication”

1 have the meaning given those terms in section 2510
2 of title 18, United States Code.

3 (4) UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM.—The term
4 “unmanned aircraft system” has the meaning given
5 such term in section 44801 of title 49, United
6 States Code.

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