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# H. R. 3478

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 17, 2025

Mr. MCGUIRE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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

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## 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 “Manned Aircraft Clari-  
5 fication Act”.

### 6 **SEC. 2. CRIMINAL PENALTIES RELATING TO MANNED AIR-** 7 **CRAFT.**

8 (a) DESTRUCTION OF MANNED AIRCRAFT.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 32 of title 18,  
2       United States Code, is amended—

3           (A) in the section heading, by inserting  
4       “**MANNED**” before “**AIRCRAFT OR**”;

5           (B) in subsection (a)(1)—

6               (i) by inserting “manned” before “air-  
7       craft in the special aircraft jurisdiction”;  
8       and

9               (ii) by inserting “manned” before  
10      “civil”; and

11          (C) in subsection (b), by inserting  
12      “manned” before “civil” each place it appears.

13          (2) TABLE OF SECTIONS AMENDMENT.—The  
14      table of sections for chapter 2 of title 18, United  
15      States Code, is amended by striking the item related  
16      to section 32 and inserting the following:

“32. Destruction of manned aircraft or aircraft facilities.”.

17          (b) AIRCRAFT PIRACY.—Section 46502(a)(1)(A) of  
18      title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking “an  
19      aircraft” and inserting “a manned aircraft”.

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